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### THE WORK OF THE TACTICAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In the issue of the Journal of Oct. 25, it is stated that the Tactical Board has been ordered to reconvene at Fort Leavenworth, on Nov. 1, to consider criticisms of their work, and that it is expected that the new tactics will then be complete

approved by the War Department.
If it is to be understood by this that the production of the Board is to be adopted directly from its hands, it is to be hoped that the statement is not correct, and that there will be extended to the work of this Board the same searching scrutiny as has heretofore been deemed necessary for every tactical composition submitted for adoption, prior to the issue of any orders imposing it, irrevocably, as a

guide, for a term of years, upon the service. Upon the presentation to the War Department by the late General Upton of his system of tactics, it the first importance that regarded as of should be pronounced upon by the highest military judgment of the land; and therefore General Grant himself was president of a Board of officers convened to express an opinion upon its merits. was necessary to examine the work, item by item, of a tactical expert, who had made the subject a life study, before its acceptance authoritatively, it is certainly quite as indispensable that such prec should not now be omitted.

It is true that this Board is composed of several officers, but their work has been parcelled out, and the tactics of each arm largely committed to one or officers of that arm.

None of the members of the Board were tactical experts, or possessed of any special tactical fitne or attainments for their labor, beyond what the drill of troops in a garrison confers-the mere grammar of the subject.

It is inferred that the "criticisms" which the Board is now assembled to consider, are only suggesti of changes of command, or modifications of method of execution, of particular movements, which line officers have thought proper from time to time to submit; and that they in no way touch upon the merits of the work as a whole; either as to its spirit, plan, general idea, or military adaptation to our ne This, the highest Board of final examinacessities. tion should deliberate upon

It is much to be regretted that prior to the organization of any tactical Board, a first Board was ordered, of the very best military intelligence of the Army, and composed of its highest officers; this Board should have decided what changes were necessary in our tactical system, in what direction they should be made and how far extended. this as their guide, a board of junior tactical officers of each arm could then have devised methods to bring about the required results, and their work should next have been submitted to the highe board of revision. As It is, the present tactical Board, without study or previous preparation, had thrust upon it the duty of preparing and submitting tactics for the artillery, infantry and cavalry arms of the Service; no general idea for their guid--no limitation or suggestion being given them

As might have been anticipated their labor, so far as published, bears evidence of crudity; is incongruous, unsymmetrical, and seems to be a polyglot selection from half a dozen European systems, with here and there an original intrusion.

Let there be considered what was really the work (in infantry tactics) which this Board had before it when organized three years since. Plainly to expunge the evils of our present system. they !

First: A vicious system of fours which directly goes to pieces with every casualty of battle. Sec ond: A want of adaptation to proper deployment under modern fire. Third: Many useless tactical movements. Fourth: The utter absence of any instruction in applied tactics. Fifth: Many useless movements, in battalion and brigade drill. ous or impracticable in battle; and inconsis tent with the great simplicity of drill instruction Persistently bearing in mind these now demanded. objects, there would seem to have been no great difficulty in accomplishing the task presented to the Board.

For, let it be considered, that no complaint has ever been made of the want of mobility and expansive power of Upton's system. On the contrary, they are admirable. Now the same idea is supplied in the company platoons, sections and half se (without exact numerical equality) of other foreign systems; so that the new weapons did not entail any great alterations in this particular, of present movements, except in the details of adaptation and

Similarly, there is a general concensus of opinion among all military writers of authority, as to the deployment and arrangement of forces in modern battle lines, with the relative strength, distances,

and sphere of action of each line; so that in this information, as well in that relating to instruction in applied tactics, it was hardly possible to err. With these aids before it, there was, we repeat, no very difficult task set before the Tactical Board; always provided, of course, that its members had definite, positive opinions as to what should be done, and what left undone; this so far, at least, as the work related to infantry tactics.

And there was, therefore, a reasonable right to expect the production of a system of America tactics, suited to our people and territory; admitting of swift movement, long marches, light and mobile; more simple than Upton's, and more easily ed by our volunteer soldiers; who have little leisure to study complex systems.

Now what are the actual results of the tactical toil brought forth by this Board, after three years so far at least as they can be judged by what has been published?

Movements have been multiplied and their meods are cumbrous and unusual. Changes appear apparently only for the sake of change. Commands wkward, not explanatory, or easily rem bered, and some of the instruction is unproductive, difficult to acquire and discouraging to practice while there see ms to be an absence of tactical unity.

All this in the face of the well-established military principle that the whole tendency of modern tactics is towards simplicity, and the avoidance of novements dangerous or impracticable on battletteld.

It is even the opinion of one leading foreign military writer that the simplification of the drill nery for the modern infantry arm should shorten the period of enlistment, so much time has heretobeen spent in instruction.

And comparing, for example, our old three volume Scott's tactics, with the modern tactics of the English Army, occupying less than one-sixth of the printed space, this would undoubtedly be the

By this, it is by no means meant that the new order of things admits of any drill relaxation, or allows any looseness, but that fewer movements of apany, battalion and brigade are admissible

The steady work of the drill sergeant, and of the company officer, in preliminary training is now more than ever of value to the infantry soldier. Exercises in musketry are quite as indisp ensable, that he may use his weapon with skill; and now, where the instruction of the drill ground and rifle range ends, his field education in exercises of combat, in all the minute details of attack and defence should begin.

In the revised and latest edition of the English infantry drill book and field exercises of 1889, there are less than one-half as many movements prescribed in the school of the battalion as are laid down in our present edition of Unton's tactics: in company drill, including everything, there are prescribed only twenty-two movements, including those of the shortest paragraphs, while in Upton's paragraphs, while tactics (company drill) there are laid down very early three times as many, and in the school of the brigade there are less than one-fourth as many ements as are laid down by Upton for the same drill.

According to the best modern authorities, and about which there is no difference of opinion, all that is wanted in any system of tactics are those movements which may be necessary in the face of an enemy belonging to battles as they must now be fought, and a few other movements as auxiliary alds to instruction. Thus every system of tactics should be simple to the last degree, that drill instruction may be thoroughly taught and easily acquired.

Pre-emmently should this be the characteristic of any American system, where our standing Army is nothing, and our volunteer force is everything, in time of war. Volunteers have little time in peace drill, and would have less in war; and what is to be learned by them must be readily learned.

The value of any system of drill is its power to place, with the greatest rapidity and order, troops in the right place when wanted; and volunteers to be efficient must be taught how to do this, as well as

To fight as we should drill, we must drill as we

It would appear that this Tactical Board has entirely overlooked the fact, that while the tactical value of infantry, as an arm, has increased with the increased range of the infantry weapons, yet, just precisely in the same ratio has the value of infantry tactics diminished. Movements, significant and in dispensable, when the range of the infantry weapon was three hundred and lifty yards, would now be absurd. Indeed, the step is longer between the tactics requisite for the old and the new range of this oan the tactical step from the crossbow English archers to the firelooks of the time of Fred-Similarly, has an increase of the range, precision and the man-killing power of artillery, from fifteen hundred yards to five thousand, stripped its

tactics of much of their importance, tending to greater simplicity, and fewer evolutions.

Again, this Board appears to have stifled itself as to plan and our necessities in the apparent want of any tactical system or central idea; at least, none has been presented. There appears a collection of movements not based upon absolute necessities, and the sudden requirements of attack and defend they are likely to occur. But much as fancy might suggest, the plokings up of many systems, here and there, through which the Board appears to have wandered.

Indeed, if its labor has accomplished nothing more promising than what has thus far been pre-sented, it has been like the labor of Sisyphus, who rolled his buge stone to the top of the mountain only to see it tumble back to the original No greater misfortune could happen to the Service than the order for acceptance and for the government of the Army upon the mere statement of the Board that its work was finished. Let the Army have the benefit of the opinions of its highest and t officers; and let it have the best possible system of tactical instruction-not one that is tolerable, or that "will do," but the best and most endurable

H. M. LAZELLE, Colonel, 18th Infantry.

COLONEL T. F. EDMANDS completes his criticisms on the New Drill Regulations in the Boston Globe of Nov. 2. In concluding Col. Edman is says:

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Looking here on what has been seen in the book, after noting these omissions, it stands in the main as a disappointment. It is like an ill made pair of boots, one of which fits and the other does not. Outside of the ceremonies, which are of little consequence, the last part of the book, barring faults in arrangement, is good; its first part is bad—so bad that it ought to go into the waste-basket. The first part should be reconsidered and all present traces of it removed from the second part. Then it should be concisely rewritten and adapted to the second part. As the two parts staud now, they do not belong to each other. The division of the parts falls between the close order and the extended order. They are so unsuited to each other—so incongruous, that it seems hardly credible that the same Board can have produced them both, or rather that a Board capable of producing the one, should have been unable to cut loose from the conservatism which permitted the collation of the other.

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The four articles, of which this is one, containing the criticisms and suggestions of the writer, have treated of the various matters, in ar out of the book, in detail. For the convenience of the Board the following recapitulation of principal points is respectfully submitted:

1. Setting-up drill too long.

2. Manual of arms not sufficiently simplified.

3. Loadings and firings need careful revision.

4. Bayonet exercise superfluous.

5. Upton system of fours pernicious.

6. "Squad" and its significance should be substituted for "fours" throughout the book.

7. Hardee's system of fiank marching should be substituted for the Upton system of fours, unless the Board is willing to introduce the squad system into the close order drill, which would be, perhaps, an improvement on Hardee.

8. The six-inch interval is worse than useless.

9. The entire close-order drill from the school of the squad to the battalion should be rewritten,

he squad to the battalion should be rewritten, astly condensed and simplified, and adapted to that follows.

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10. The language concerning the color guard should be clear.

11. No cadenced step should be prescribed anywhere in the extended order.

12. Positions of officers and non-commissioned officers are too rigidly laid down in the extended order, and should be made more elastic and discretionary. In revising its work the Board should remem-

is. In revising its work the Board should remember that for one Regular Army man there will be ten militia men to be instructed in it, and that if war comes the reliance of the country will be in the proportion of ten militia men or volunteers to

the proportion of tea minute according to the manual of arms and close order movements to the exclusion of the less attractive and more arduous battle tactics, the Board should see that the militia is not tempted with too much minor matter to play with and waste time upon, at the expense of coast-colid work.

militia is not tempted with too much minor matter to play with and waste time upon, at the expense of good solid work.

15. Above all, the Board should endeavor to formulate general provisions, where, by reasonable uniformity according to circumstances, may be secured, to the exclusion of dangerous rigidity—that is to say, general provisions which will make it impossible for those who must use the drill to quibble over trivialities and require those "Decisions upon Points of Tactics" that have been the bane of military instruction in tactics during the last five and twenty years.

16. The foliowing matters should be inserted in the book: The guard manual, honors to be paid by troops, transportation by rail, destruction of railroads, destruction of bridges, construction of foridges, intrenchments, aid to civil power (in cities threatened by mobs), emergency lecture, and sanitary rules.

By throwing out say two thirds of the elaborate and useless close order matter, these necessary additions can be made without materially increasing the bulk of the book.

THE San Francisco Report, alluding to the fact that the new infantry tactics does away with "wheelings," consoles the attenders at militia drills and "street corner tacticians," by saying: "Wheeling in circle was dear to the martial heart, because it could always be relied upon to evoke enthusiasm, but the 'order arms' survives, and our militia cau yet bring their pieces down on the floor with a lock-straining, stock-splitting bangs amid the plandits of the beholders, to

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### PERSONAL ITEMS.

LIEUTENANT J. H. KING, 5th U. S. Cavalry, is gending a month's leave at Eric, Pa.

LIEUTENANT C. L. BECKURTS, 6th U. S. Infantry and bride are visiting in Louisville, Ky.

COLONEL MERBITT BABBEB, U. S. A., has returned St. Paul from a short visit to New York City, etc. CAPTAIN MYLES MOYLAN, 7th U. S. Cavalry, left cort Riley, Kas., this week to spend a month on

CAPTAIN H. P. RITZIUS, 25th U. S. Infantry, is a peent visitor in St. Paul, en route to Fort Missoula,

LIEUTENANT PEYTON C. MARCH, 34 U. S. Artillery, at leave from Washington Barracks, is visiting at ston, Pa.

MAJOR S. G. COWDREY, surgeon, U S. A., left fort Marcy, N. M., this week for the East on a six weeks' leave,

MAJOR CHARLES MCCLURE, paymuster, U. S. A. returned to St. Paul, Minn., early in the week from short leave.

COLONEL ALBERT BARNITZ, U. S. A., and family have for their present address, 4 Waterloo Place, London, Eng.

CAPTAIN C. W. HOBBS, 3d U. S. Artillery, is a re-cent addition to the commissioned circle at Fort McHenry, Md.

LIEUTENANT W. H. ALLAIRE, 23d U. S. Infantry, has returned to Memphis from a trip to Nashville and Knoxville.

LIEUTENANT R. P. DAVIS, 2d U. S. Artillery, of fort Scuuyler, called upon friends in New York City this week.

MAJOR J. F. RANDLETT, 9th U. S. Cavalry, under recent orders, returns to his former post of duty, fort Du Chesne, Utab.

COLONEL J. J. COPPINGER, U. S. A., and Miss Cop-loger have arrived safely abroad and will visit riends in Ireland and England.

LIEUTENANT J. G. GALBRAITH, 1st U. S. Cavalry, is a recent visitor in St. Paul en route East to enter upon a tour of recruiting service.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE P. HOUSTON has applied to be placed on the retired list, having completed 30 years' service on Oct. 23.

CAPTAIN W. H. CORBUSIER, Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army, on leave from Fort Wayne, Mich., is visiting t 487 Lexington avenue, N. Y. City.

Colonel A. G. Robinson, U. S. A., depot quartermaster, New Orleans, was a visitor to Mobile and Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., this week.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES SELLMER, 3d U.S. Artillery, s to make a tour through Maryland to endeavor to obtain suitable recruits for his regiment.

LIEUTENANT DWIGHT E. HOLLEY, 1st U. S. Infantry, on leave from Angel Island, Cal., whil spend the greater portion of the winter in the East.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. J. UPHAM, 31 U. S. Cavalry, will spend the mouth of November in Milwaukee, his address being the Milwaukee Club.

MAJOR J. B. KEEFER, Paymaster, U. S. A., arrived n New York City this week and has established his office in the Army Building, 39 Whitehall street.

LIEUTENANT T. C. PATTERSON, Ist U. S. Artillery, sailed from New York for the Mediterranean early in the week on the Florio-Rubattino line of steamers.

MAJOR CALVIN DE WITT, Surgeon, U. S. A., bids ood-bye to friends at Fort Missouia, Montana, to pend the winter in the more balmy climate of

CAPTAIN W. H. BOYLE, 21st U. S. Infantry, on recruiting duty for the past two years in New Yorl City and Brooklyn, joined at Fort Sidney, Neb. this week.

LIEUTENANT C. L. HODGES, 25th U.S. Infantry, who has recently completed a two years' tour on recruiting service, has joined his company at Fort Shaw, Montana.

CAPTAIN H. S. KILBOURNE, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., left Willets Point for West Point early in the week to take his place on the medical board for the examination of Cadet Carley.

THE marriage of Lieut. F. L. Winn, 1st U. S. In fantry, to Miss Dora Boardman was to take place on Wednesday of this week, Nov. 5, at San Francisco Cal. After a short tour the married couple will ge to Angel Island.

Major-General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., returned to Governor's Island early in the week from a trip to the South. He inspected the new post at Atlants, Ga. (Fort McPherson), last week and was much pleased with the general outlook.

"MANY happy returns of the Day" to Capt. J. B. Eaton, 3d C. S. Art.. born Nov. 8; to Gen. R. Williams, A. A. G., born Nov. 5; to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, born Nov. 8; to Major P. J. A. Clenry, Surgeon, U. S. A., born Nov. 7; to Major A. N. Damrell, C. E., born Nov. 3.

CAPTAIN J. M. LANCASTER, 3d U. S. Artillery, arrived at Fort Leavenworth early in the week for duty on the Tactical Board. Capt. Lancaster is an able artillery officer, to whom we were introduced hearly a quarter of a century ago, when he was on duty in New York City as A. D. C. to Major-Gen.

The increase of pension just granted to the widow of a Revolutionary soldier and the original pension voted by Congress at the late session to the aged daughter of a Revolutionary veteran show that we still have this class of pensioners among us. The widows of the veterans of the war of 1812 are still on the rolls by the thousands, and there are hundreds of the veterans the asslves. Forhaps the year 1990 will see pensions to widows or children still paid by account of the Civil War.

Assistant Surgeon J. D. Glennan, U. S. A., of Fort Riley, is on a few weeks' leave.

LIEUTENANT T. J. WATKINS, 11th U. S. Infantry rejoined at Fort Niagara, N. Y., on Thursday, from a short leave.

GENERAL JOHN GIBBON, U. S. A., and family, are at the Pleasonton Hotel, San Francisco, for the

LIEUTENANT H. G. SICKEL, JR., 7th U. S. Cavalry stely of Fort Sill, is now a member of the Fort

Major G. J. Lydecker, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, has returned to Vancouver from a pleasan Army, has returned to trip to Boise Barracks.

Inspector-General P. D. Vroom, U. S. A., is busy inspecting the various Army depots, recruiting rendezvous, etc., in and near St. Louis.

LIEUTENANT J. R. WILLIAMS, 3d U. S. Artillery rejoined at Washington Barracks on Wednesday from a pleasant trip to Fort McHenry.

MBS. W. S. HANCOCK is on a visit to ber niece, Mrs. Richmond Pearson Davis, wife of Lieut. Davis, 2 U. S. Artillery, at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. H.

CAPTAINS THOMPSON and Reade, U. S. A., says a local Western paper, while recently at Hot Springs, S. D., invested in ten lots in the Cold Brook addition. LIEUTENANT J. C. RENNARD, 1st U. S. Artillery, a recent arrival at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., has taken charge of school matters at that post for the winter.

LIEUTENANT C. L. PHILLIPS, 4th U.S. Artillery, on leave from Fort Barraneas, Fla., will spend a part of November visiting friends at Old Point Comfort, Va.

CAPTAIN S. E. CLARK, 2d U. S. Infantry, has taken command of Uo. H of his regiment at Fort Omaha in succession to Capt. A. S. Daggett, who is now on recruiting duty at Boston, Mass.

CAPTAINS KINGMAN and Roessler and Lieut, Millis, of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., have been busy in New Orleans recently looking into the matter of allotments to the levee districts.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. H. GRIERSON, 10th U. S. CAV., was married Oot. 23 at Los Augeles, Cal., to Miss Sarab Joy Merrill, daughter of Mr. John C. Merrill. Chaplain Mullins, U. S. A., officiated.

LIEUTENANT C. J. BAILEY, 1st U. S. Artillery, at present in France, will sail from Liverpool Nov. 12 on the Majestic for New York, and join Andruss's battery at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., for duty.

MR. EDWARD V. STOCKHAM, formerly lieutenant of the 17th U. S. Infantry, is now a resident of Philadelphis, and as adjutant of the 1st Regiment N. G. of Pennsylvania is highly regarded for his excellent military qualifications.

MAJOR GERALD RUSSELL, 5th Cavalry, ordered before the Retiring Board at San Antonio for examination, is a veteran with many scars. He saw much service in Texas, and during the war was known as "Old Jerry Russell."—S. A. Express.

LIEUTENANT JOHN M. NEALL, 4th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort sherman, Idaho, has been selected for college duty at Reno, Nev., a pleasant detail, doubtless, as Lieut. Neall was born in California and received his appointment to the Military Academy from Nevada.

LIEUTANAT OBERLIN M. CARTER, Corps of Eugineers, U. S. A., was married Oct. 29 at Orange, N. J., to Miss Margaret Westcott, daughter of Mr. Robert F. Westcott. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents by the Rev. A. H. Bradford, D. D.

A. H. Bradford, D. D.

THE Pioneer Press, referring to the recent Harvest flome Festival at St. Paul, says: "To Col. E. C. Mason, 3d U. S. Infantry, commandant at Fort Snelling, and Major Geo. Q. White, U. S. A., retired, is due great credit for the full and interesting display in the military department.

Miss Joste and Miss Nannie Stanley, daughters of Geo. D. S. Stantey, U. S. A., spent a greater part of the summer in Saltille, Mexico, where Miss Nannie was engaged in painting and sketching Mexican scenes and types. Several of her studies were exhibited at the Dalias Fair and received a great deal of notice and commendation.—S. A. Express.

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Besides an inherent, open-handed generosity, Denman Thompson, the Uncle Joshua of the original "Old Homestead," now playing at the Academy, New York, is noted for his tenderness to members of the brute kingdom. He has been known repeatedly to have followed some overburdened or crippled horse for hours to have its owner punished for inhumanity. Two instances of this kind in one day, with the genial actor as complainant, are to be found on the police biotters of New York City.

The Graham County Bulletin on Arizona values.

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The Graham County Bulletin, en Arizona paper, referring to the departure of Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U.S. A., from the Pacific Coast, recounts his distinguished services on so many occasions during and since the war, and says: "He secured substantial peace to our Territory, protection to life and property of our citizens even in the most remote settlements, and contributed much to the marked progress and prosperity which we now enjoy. The people of the Southwest owe a great debt of gratiude to Gen. Miles, which will be long remembered by our people, who will always rejoice in the advancement and prosperity of this heroic and gallant officer."

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CAPTAIN R., a part of whose regiment is stationed at Fort Hamilton, was recently ordered to Texas. The change from the charms of New York to the distasteful features of Army life in the far West distressed Mrs. R. mightily, and she bewailed the inexorableness of Army life with characteristic vigor. Little Miss R., fille, aged four and a half, appears to have caught the prevailing infection of family despair, for when she keelt to say her prayers the night before the departure, there came, between her sobs: "Good bye, God, we're goin' to Texas."—

New York Herald,

LIEUTENANT W. E. P. FRENCH, 3d U. S. Infantry, a recent arrival at Fort Meade, S. D.

CAPPAIN F. A. WHITNEY, 5th U. S. Infantry, is appeted East early in December to spend the

CAPTAIN CHAS. King's interesting story, "del Muerto," is concluded in the November of Outing.

CAPTAIN PETER T. SWAINE, 22d U. S. Infantry, commandant at Fort Keogh, Montana, will spend November on leave.

LIEUTENANT E. L. FLETCHER, 13th U. S. Infantry, who is visiting friends at Fayetteville, Ark., has had his leave extended one month.

COLONEL H. P. CURTIS, U. S. A., and Miss Curtis are spending a few days with friends in Boston, and will sail for England about Nov. 22.

COLONEL BASIL NORRIS, U. S. A., medical director on the staff of General Gibbon, is making a tour of the military posts in the State of California.

LIEUTENANT E. F. LADD, 9th U. S. Cavalry, will leave Fort Duchesne, Utah, for the East to spend a portion of the winter on leave for the benefit of his health.

CAPTAIN NORTON STRONG, assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, bade farewell to friends in New York City and vicinity this week and started for Fort Meade, S. D.

GENERAL O. D. GREENE. U. S. A., is getting com-fortably settled in San Francisco, and has taken charge of the A. G. O., Division of the Pacific and Department of California.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. HALL, assistant surgeon, U.S. A., arrived at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. H., from the West, on Wednesday, and has taken charge of the medical department at that post.

LIEUTENANT JOHN S. WINN, 2d U. S. Cavalry, was married Oct. 18 at Colorado Springs to Miss Grace Stanley Le Grand. After a short wedding tour the married couple go to Fort Huachuca.

LIEUTENANT F. P. FREMONT, son of the "Path-finder," denies the story told recently by Lawyer Stevens that Mrs. Fremont was responsible for the loss of the General's fortune through speculation. The son says: "Mrs. Fremont never desired the General to speculate."

An enthusiastic resident of San Diego, Cal., sends us a climatic record for four days in October: On the 20th the thermometer ranged from 85 to 56 deg., on the 21st from 83 to 86 deg., on the 22d from 90 to 57 deg., and on the 23d from 78 to 57 deg. The weather was generally clear.

The proceedings of the Court martial in the case of 1st Lieut. G. L. Turner, 18th Inf., who was recently tried at Fort Clark, Texas, on charges of embezziement, were received by Acting Judge Advocate General Lieber on Oct. 31, and are now on the way to the President. The sentence is dismissal.

COLONEL ROBT. WILLIAMS, A. A. G., since his arrival in Washington the early part of the week from Chicago, has been confined to his room at the Arlington by illness. For a few days his condition was thought to be quite serious, but he is now improving and will probably be about again in a few days.

The following Army officers registered at the War Department this week: Major W. B. Lane, retired Capt. C. B. Sears. Engrs.; Captain W. C. Hall, 5th Cav.; Col. Henry L. Abbol, Engrs.; 1st Liest. V. E. Strottler, 10th Inf.; Lieut.-Col. A. Mordecai, Ord. Dept.; Ast. Surg. J. D. Glennan, Med. Dept.; 1st Lieut. Millard F. Wallz, 12th Inf.; Major Clifton Comly, Ord. Dept.

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Colonels WM. P. Craighill. Corps of Engineers;
Henry W. Closson, 4th Art., and A. R. Buffington,
Ord. Dept., members of the Army commission to inquire into the facilities for producing steel forgings
for ordnance, arrived at Vancouver Oct. 28. They
at once proceeded to examine the ground in the
vicinity of the quartermaster's depot, and seemed
pleased with the site, says a correspondent.

The Comte de Paris can claim no "divine right" to the throne of France. The three Louises, XIII., XIV. and XV., were of the house of Bourbon, and there are male heirs of Louis XIV. now living—the present representative of the Bourbon family and possessor of the divine right to rule over France being the head of the Carlist branch of the Spanish Bourbons, who is descended from the Duc a'Anjou, a grandson of Louis XIV.

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The Minnesota Commandery, Loyal Legion, in an obituary notice of the late Gen. W. W. Beiknap. says: "In civil life those who knew him best ever regarded him as a model gentleman, honest and true in every position he was called to fill, willingly sacrificing his exalted position and high reputation on the altar of honor; in later years, though calumny bitterly assailed him, careful investigation and full acquaintance with the truth only riveted more closely the chain of confidence which bound him to all who knew him best."

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The Vancouver Independent says: Lieut. R. McA. Schotleid, 4th Cav., has gone to Fort Townsend on garrison court-martial duty. Lieuts. E. F. Winston and A. Hasbrouck, and Mr. Kennington, left recently for Salmon River, Oregon, on a two weeks' hunting trip. Lieut. W. P. Goodwin is a grandfather, and has been receiving congratulations upon the advent of a son "George," born to Mr. and Mrs. George Markel, Oct. 24, at Portland, Ore. Mrs. Goodwin has been absent the past few weeks visiting her daughter at Portland.

Parrick Ginley, a messanger in the Custom.

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PATRICK GINLEY, a messenger in the Custom House, New York City, received Nov. 3 a medal awarded by Congress for specific bravery on the field of battle. Ginley was a private in the 12th New York Artiliery during the war of the receilien. At the battle of Ream's Station, Va., Sept. 25, 1864, he led the charge of a Massachusetts regiment and recaptured a battery of the 12th New York Artiliery. He also planted the United States flag on the rebel works, and was described by Gen. Hancock as "the hero of Ream's Station." He served in the British Army, and went through the Grimean was and the Indian Muchay.

THE Hon. Robert T. Lincoln and Gen. Steward L Toodford arrived from England on Wednesday.

LIEUTENANT WALTER HOWE, 4th U. S. Artillery, is meeting with his usual success in awakening interest in military affairs at the Mt. Vernou College as was evidenced by the fine appearance and good work of the four uniformed companies competing for prizes at the first competitive drill of the year.—Mt. Vernou (Ia.) Hawk Eye.

MAJOR J. W. REILLY, Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, who has recently been assigned to the command of the powder depot at Dover, N. J., is very popular at Augusta, Ga., his last station. The Chronicle of that city, referring to his departure, says: "Major Rellly has won the esteem of a large circle of friends and placed the entire community under obligation to him for thoughtful considerations and favors which, as commandant of the Augusta Arsenal, he could at various times extend. He has during his command made the arsenal a popular point of interest, has secured for it through personal endeavor consideration from the War Department, and at all times has been interested and alert in local matters. While zealous and untiring in the work of improvement at the arsenal, he found time for sympathies with matters that interest our citizens, and Augusta loses a good friend from our midst and a willing champion. From the expressions of regret heard wherever intelligence of the transfer was received, it is clearly evident that the public is sensable of the loss. Major Relly and his charming wife will carry with them to their new home the cordial good wishes of many friends in Augusta."

NAVAL CADET GEORGE W. DANFORTH has returned to Norfolk, Va., from leave.

REAR ADMIRAL A. L. CASE, U. S. N., registered t the Clarendon Hotel, New York City, on Tues-

Mr. Eugene Higgins, detail clerk of the Bureau of Navigation, is again confined to his home by ill-

LIEUTENANT L. C. LOGAN, U. S. N., registered at the Hoffman House, New York City, early in the

P. A. ENGINEER C. W. RAE, U. S. N., sailed for Havre on Saturday last on the steamship La Bretagne.

CHIEF ENGINEER W. H. HARRIS, who has been it Washington on leave from the Atlanta at Norfolk Va., returned to that vessel on Nov. 5.

MEDICAL INSPECTOR A. S. OBERLY, U. S. N., tired, has left Avon, Conn., for College Hill, Easte Pa., where he will reside in the future.

CAPTAIN ALLEN V. REED, U. S. Navy, Chaplain Walter G. Isaacs, Civil Engineer P. C. Asserson, Civil Engineer Thos. C. McCollum, Lieut. Comdr. Isaac Hazlett and Lieut. L. C. Logan registered at the Navy Department this week.

COLONEL C. D. HEBB has returned to Washington from his recent tour of inspection of Marine Barracks in the East and South and is now busily engaged in writing the annual report, which will be signed by him as acting commandant of the Marine Corps.

CAPTAIN R. S. COLLUM, U. S. M. C., by invitation of the Historical Society, of Pennsylvania, will deliver a lecture before the Society of Sons of the Revolution in Philadelphia on Nov. 10 on "The Services of the American Marines During the War of the Revolution."

The aged historian and naval secretary of the Polk administration, George Bancroft, 18, says a Washington gossip, again established in his spacious mansion at the national capital in a remarkably excellent state of health for one who has traversed more than nine decades of human existence.

CAPTAIN JOHN W. PHILIP is named as one of the probable successors to Capt. J. H. Howell, who will, on Dec. 1 next, be detached from the command of the Atlanta and detached as president of the Steel Inspection Board. There are two other candidates for the command of this vessel—Capts. Wiltse and

A PLEASANT reception was tendered Lieut. W. E. Sewell, U. S. N., and his charming young bride last Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Chief Engr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore. The house was handsomely decorated and thronged with ladies and naval and other officers, who tendered their warmest corgratulation to the newly wedded couple.—Alta California.

At the meeting of the Naval Institute, held at the Naval Academy Oct. 31, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Rear Admiral S. B. Luce. Vice-President—Comdr. Henry Glass. Board of Control—Lieut.-Comdr. C. S. Sperry, Lieut.-Comdr. Henry Knox, Lieuts. R. G. Peck and H. O. Rittenhouse, P. A. Engr. J. K. Barton and Prof. N. M. Terry. Secretary and Treasurer—Ensign H. G. Drexel.

MISS ELENA PORTER, daughter of Admiral Porter, U.S. N., will be married on Thanksgiving eve at St. John's Church to Mr. James Campbell, says a Washington despatch. This marriage is the culmination of a long and romantic courtship. Mr. Campbell belongs to an old and respected Washington family, and he was formerly a captain in the Army. Miss Porter is a graceful brunette, tall and always exquisitely attired.

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THE Navy Department loses the services of another efficient officer through the resignation of Asst. Naval Constructor Lewis Nixon, who has accepted a position as naval architect with the Wm. Cramp and Sons Ship and Engine Building Co. Mr. Nixon was appointed to the Naval Academy from Virginia in 1878, and after graduating took a three years' course in, naval architecture at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and was afterward commissioned as assistant naval constructor. He has since been on duty in the department and at the New York Navy-yard. He was also on duty for a time as inspector at the Cramps' yard. The three battleships recently contracted for were designed almost entirely by him.

LIEUTENANT A. F. FECHTELER, U. S. N., arrived in New York from England on Wednesday.

LIEUTENANT O. W. LOWRY, U. S. N., who has bee attached to the U. S. S. Ranger on the Pacific coas for some time, has left that vessel, and is at presen on a visit to his home at Ripley, Ohio.

ACTING REAR ADMIRAL WALKER is spending mos of his time in Washington pending the repairs to be made to the vessels of his squadron. He is a frequent visitor at the Navy Department.

A MOVEMENT has been started in Richmond, Va., to raise a chaste and worthy monument to Lieut. Matthew F. Maury, "The Pathfinder of the Ses." A committee of 12 leading citizens has been appointed, who will correspond with scientific men, scholars and educational and bistorical institutions in this and other countries to enlist their interest.

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A LAWSUIT has been going on in Boston for some time past concerning the will of the late Chaplain Photius Fisk, U.S. N., whose peculiar history, services, and death, Feb. 7 has, we recounted in the JOURNAL of Feb. 15, 1890. In the Supreme Court, on Monday of this week, the will of the deceased was set aside on the ground of undue influence on the part of the gentleman who was appointed executor. The result of the decision is to establish a previous will, which makes bequests substantially like those of the other will, but does not appoint the gentleman referred to executor. It provides that the estate, valued at \$20,000, shall be invested and form a fund to be called the Fisk Relief Fund, the income of which is to be devoted to the needs of the working poor.

Under the caption "What Pluck and Brains Can

Under the caption "What Pluck and Brains Can Do," the New York Times narrates the youthful history of Lieut. W. H. Stayton, U. S. Marine Corps, and says: "He was graduated from the Naval Academy with high honors, went off on a long cruise, came back with flying colors and a promotion in his pocket, and was then fairly started on his way to a naval career. He rose se 'eral steps in a brief period, and found opportunity to take a full law course at the Columbia Institute, being graduated at the head of his class. When Comdr. McCalla was tried last spring, the towheaded backwoods schoolboy, once known as plain Bill Stayton, but now metamorphosed into Lieut. Wm. H. Stayton, appeared in the capacity of assistant judge advocate, and his conduct of the case for the Government was marked by a display of such great energy and ability that he received an offer from one of the leading New York law firms to enter into their copartnership. He accepted the offer, and is now a member of the firm in question. His resignation from the Navy takes effect on July 1, 1891. Lieut, Stayton has made several trips around the world and speaks three languages fluently."

### RECENT DEATHS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ORLANDO HUBLEY MOORE, U. S. A., retired, who died at Dearborn, Mich., Oct. 31, was a veteran officer of long and faithful service. In 1856 he was appointed a 2d lieutenant of the 6th U.S. Infantry, and soon after the Civil War broke out attained the rank of captain. He did valiant service throughout the war, and for his gallantry at Tebbs Bend, Kentucky, in 1863, received the brevet of major, and the brevet of lieutenant colonel for his gallant and meritorious services generally. From January to July, 1862, he was lieutenant-colonel of the 13th Michigan Infantry, and from September, 1862, to June, 1865, colonel of the 25th Michigan Infantry. He was promoted major in his old regiment in 1874, lieutenant-colonel. 17th Infantry, in 1882, and was retired from active service Sept. 15, 1884, on account of disability incurred in the line of duty.

A Mobile despatch says: "Major Geo. B. Clitherall, who died Oct. 21. was born at Fort Johnson, N. C., June 13, 1814. His father was a surgeon in the U. S. Army, Geo. C. Clitherall, and George B. was educated at West Point, but did not graduate. He was married many years ago, but his wife died, and he was childless. Many of his old acquaintances of the territorial period remember him with much affection. His funeral took place at Christ Church Oct. 22."

GENERAL JOHN G. WBIGHT, a distinguished volun-teer officer during the war, died in St. Luke's Hos-pital, New York City, Nov. 3. During his service he was wounded three times and was for several years a prisoner of war.

MRS. ANNA E. HOPKINS, wife of Mr. Henry C. Hopkins and daughter of the late Col. Geo. Nauman, 5th U. S. Art., died Oct. 22. Her distinguished father died Aug. 11, 1863.

MR. CHAS. STARK NEWELL, a great-great-gra on of Gen. John Stark, died at Goshen, N.

GENERAL CASTELNAU, a veteran French soldier, nd an aide-de-camp of Emperor Napoleon 111., is

GIDEON L. PEASE, the last survivor of the Black Hawk war, died Nov. 1 at East Wilton, Me., aged 84.

### (From the Courrier des Etats-Unis.)

### ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, ATTENTION!

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THE Comte de Paris came to the United States because it was the only country at war; and as the education of a prince is not complete without a dash of military experience, he seized the opportunity in America, as later the Prince Imperial, faute de mieux, went among the Zulus. He figured for some months in the Army of the Potomac as an amateur, a curiosity-monger, a visitor of leisure, . . . and one is forced to conclude that if he is honored today, it is much more because he is Prince than be cause he served the country. There is indubitably more snobbery than gratitude in these demonstrations. In fact, the Comte de Paris showed no more

devotion nor rendered more service than any one soldier of the many thousand French, German, and Irish who enrolled in the Union Army.

The military pilgrimage of the Orleans Princes in 1861 flattered French Liberals, for the d'Orleans were then Liberal, and Napoleon III. was reproached for his well-known hestility to the North. It was one of those tricks in high polities which make great effect and cost little.

And now the Comte de Paris comes to America with his son for nothing but noisy demonstration. To be welcomed, applauded by American republicans, will efface the odium of having plotted with Boulanger and covered himself with mud to destrey the French Republic. His visit is to make the world forget the failure of Boulanger, Orleans and Company. Americans, not being used to this sort of game, are the dupes of their sincerity, which, under the circumstances, is somewhat naive. Their perspicacity is at fault.

### ARMY REPORTS.

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In his annual report Major-General O. O. Howard says: "Considering the armament necessary for the extent of seacoast in this Division the liberal appropriations of one year should not lead to over-confidence, but since my last annual report a decided step has been taken in providing for the construction of seacoast cannon and rified mortars, the preparation of fortifications for them, and the construction of fixed torpedoes, with galleries, operating casemates, and other belongings. Our principal harborn have been properly plotted, and the artillery on duty near them is at present engaged in earnest practice with such weapons as the forts now have, and will be fully prepared to undertake the new guns and appliances as soon as they begin to arrive. The artillery regiments have been increased in size at the expense of the rest of the line, and while not only is this increase necessary, and the addition of two more regiments advisable, it is earnestly hoped that Congress may be induced to augment the enlisted strength of the Army sufficiently to allow this increase without permanently diminishing the oavalry and infantry. For the needs of this service too many artillery officers are on detached service which could be performed by cavalry and infantry. First the needs of this service too many artillery officers are on detached service which could be performed by cavalry and infantry officers. Attention is invited to the report of Major W. F. R indolph, inspector of Artillery. His recommendation that some material and gins for artillery practice and drill be supplied to all artillery stations, is heartily concurred in."

Gen. Howard calls attention to the need of improvement in the post school system and a more satisfactory method of obtaining competent teachers. Better facilities for small arms practice are required. He commended that material and guns for artillery practice be supplied to all artillery stations. The operations of the new law aimed to decrease desertions is commended and an earnest h

In conclusion, it is recommended that some sys-In conclusion, it is recommended that some system of school battailons of boys from 17 to 21, in addition to the number of enlisted men allowed by present law, be organized as a useful school for supplying material for non-commissioned officers to the Army and militia. Such a school established at a convenient point, say Fort Porter, N. Y., ought to attract as many boys as could be well cared for and seep them well employed, and give them good discipline at a period of life when many boys about our oities lead a very unsettled existence.

Brigadier-General John R. Brooke, commanding the Department of the Platte, reports that there has been no trouble with the Indians within that department during the year. The practice marches and joint encampment with the lowa National Guard were beneficial, and the mingling of the N. G. and Regular Army accomplished good results.

Regret is expressed that appropriations have not been made for continuing the construction of Forts Robinson and Niobrara. The improvement of the water construction of the sewerage system at Fort D. A. Russell, under recent appropriations, has been successfully accomplished, and estimates are submitted for a similar purpose for Fort Douglas.

Instruction in signaling at the several posts in the department has been carefully attended to. There has been a falling off in trials by Courtsmartial, both general and garrison.

It is recommended that hereafter but one competition be held at a time, and that the first held be that of the department, followed by the cawalry, the division and the Army competitions. A 1ew days should be allowed between each competition make room for those of the one to follow. This recommendation is made as a measure of economy, as in case double competitions are to be held in the future, the accommodations will have to be increased.

Brig.—Gen. Thomas H. Ruger, commanding the Department of Dakots, in his annual report, says that no events have occurred calling for actual campaign operations, although the services, on several occasions, have been required of quit strong detachments from a number of posts to prevent Indian troubles. These duties were well performed by the troops whose presence and discovery formed by the troops, whose presence and dis-action undoubtedly prevented disorderly of

formed by the troop, action undoubtedly prevented disorderly occur-rences, if not worse.

Respecting the threatened trouble at Flathead Lake, Mont. Gen. Ruger says it appears upon in-quiry that there is little probability of serious trouble, and that enforcement by the civil officers

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A detailed history of the movements of the troops in the division is given to show that although no active campaign was called for during the past year considerable field duties of a quite important nature have been well done.

There have been at some posts a decided decrease is the per cent of desertions, but the decrease is slight for the department as a whole, owing to the emparatively large number at a few posts. Gen. Buger says it is fair to expect improvement in future, owing in part to opportunities which recent legislation and action thereunder will afford men who may be disposed to leave the service to do so in an honest manner.

The post canteen system has been in operation unficiently long at enough posts to afford a basis for conclusion as to its merits, and, says Gen. Ruger, beyond question the results have been beneficial.

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Brig.-Gen. Stanley from the Department of Texas reports that his soldiers have greatly suffered from fever, which was almost epidemic, but fortunately not a death occurred among his troops. The fever seemed to have been occasioned to a great extent by the drouth, which dried up the streams and water holes. In this connection Gen. Stanley says that exchanges of troops into the Department of Texas abould be made in the fall season, so that they can become acclimated by summer. As a rule, he says, the relations with our Mexican neighbors have been friendly and the Mexicans appear to be anxious that no violations of international law should occur, but at times infractions of it are made by revolutionists crossing the frontier and using the left bank of the Rio Grande to swoop down on the Mexican authorities. This occurred in June last, when Capt. Steevers captured, on information furnished by the United States consul at Laredo, Gen. Sandoval and a number of revolutionists. At the time of their capture they were hiding in the high grass along the banks of the Rio Grande and were all nearly naked, as they were on the point of swimming the river. The prisoners are still in jail awaiting trial. Much law-lessness and many shocking murders have occurred in the territory south of the Southern Pacific railroad. In most cases the murderers are Mexicans who, afer committing their orime, escape to Mexico. While it is a delicate question to determine whether the matter of prosecuting this lawlessness and crime is a subject for the State police or the United States miltary to handle, Gen. Stanley says that he has made arrangements to establish a patrol of the Rio Grande river in the hope of preventing such crimes in the future. He recommends that a company post he established at Del Rio, which is, in his opinion, the proper place for a military post, and to abandon Fort Cla

soldier in Texas was a rarity.

The report of the military operations in the Division of the Missouri is made this year by Asst. Adjt. Gen. Williams, owing to the vacancy which existed in this command from the time of Gen. Crook's death until Gen. Miles's assignment thereto about two months ago. In his report to Gen. Miles, Col. Williams says that Indian affairs have been peaceable and without note, except the unsettled feelings of the Cheyennes on the Tongue river. It is claimed that they have not been properly supplied by the Government, and their earnest wish has been to have that portion of the tribe at the Pine Ridge sgency brought North and placed upon their reservation. It is not believed that these Indians will ever be quiet until these complaints are remedied. Adjt.-Gen. Williams suggests that the service would be largely benefited by the concentration, as far as practicable, of the companies of a regiment at the same post and by breaking up the present system of forming garrisons by a collection of companies from different regiments.

Capt. J. W. Pope. U. S. A., in his annual report.

Capt. J. W. Pope, U. S. A., in his annual report concerning the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, speaks well of the present condition of that institution. The prison surgeon, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Wright, shows the gratifying fact that not a single death has ceurred among guards or prisoners during the entire year, although a severe epidemic passed over the prison as well as other places. The general health has been excellent, and as Capt. Pope says, is largely due to the skill, care and attention of Dr. Wright. The report of the post chaplain, J. B. Mc-Cleery, shows that the secular school continues to be completely successful in so far as it was designed to go in educating the more illiterate prisoners. The report of the prison quartermaster, Lieut. Wm. E. Almy, 5th Cav., gives an interesting account of ail prison manufacture during the year. Lieut. R. K. Evans, 12th Inf., commanding the guard, speaks highly of the prison canteen for the guard, speaks highly of the prison canteen for the guard, speaks highly of the prison canteen for the guard, etc., and says: "The canteen is well equipped with everything practicable for such an institution to have and is now out of debt and has a fund of \$217 in bank.

### EXPANDED RIFLE SHELLS.

to the Editor of the Army and Nary Journal:



time force the bullet in, pack the powder and crimp the shell. This process is impracticable for several reasons. First: The shells are made of elastic metal, and must be compressed beyond the desired size, so as to allow for the springing back of the metal. To do this requires more power than is consistent with the construction of a practical, portable hand tool. Second: As the shell is primed and the powder is in, there is more or less danger attending this operation. Third: The bullet is composed of non-elastic metal, and as the shell is being compressed with the bullet in, it of course compressed the bullet, which being non-elastic, remains to the size compressed, and the a curate diameter of the bullet is lost, and it would be loose in the shell were it not for the crimping of the shell into it, and the powder pressing the bullet up against the crimp. These reasons are facts. Experience has preven that the shell if expanded, should be re-formed while empty, and in a separate tool. Fortunately the majority of shells do not expand so as to interfere, and loading tools as constructed are all that is required. If, however, shells do expand after firing them several times, the most practical and convenient implement is a solid die of steel, hardened and ground to shape, into which the shells should be driven (with a mallet or billet of wood,) re-forming them the entire length from muzzle to head, and as they do not require to be re-sized every time they are discharged, the die and plunger are only used when necessary, without destroying the simplicity and utility of the reloading tool. The accompanying cut shows the die with the shell in it, and the plunger for expelling the shell after it is resized.

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### (Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.) FORT MCKINNEY, WYOMING.

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COL AND MRS. HENRY, Dr. and Mrs. Suter, and Mrs. Col. Benton have returned to the post. Lieut, and Mrs. Benton will be back by Nov. 10. Then we will all settle down for the winter and try to allay the excitements of our surroundings as best we may. The 8th Infantry prefer this post to Niobrara and are much pleased. One or two things, the post should have a large garrison or none at all, and a fair discussion of the matter should show that the military importance of McKinney still exists. It is a misfortune to the Army to break up posts. They are aiding in the development of a country and a people just beginning to as yeu may say crawl, should be gotten on their feet before the nurse is slecharged or else the infant will not be fully developed from impoverished nutrition.

Lieut. Powell, to whose numerous duties reference was made in your last issue, is still alive and the more he has to do the younger he becomes.

Frank Gronard, our scout of national fame, was bucked from his horse and severely bruised. He lay unconacious from 9 P. M. till daylight, and then was nearly frozee. He got up and walked to the post, three miles distant. Frank has sand, you know. His arms show the marks made by the Indians when he was captured and 148 pieces of fesh were taken from him. A needle was run under the flesh and litted and then the knife took out the desired morecau or tit-bit.

The coming of the 8th Infantry company here bring two officers together whose last service was 27 years ago at Hilton Head, S. C., the one commanding a light battery, the other a company in a New York regiment. A horsetack ride yesterday into the mountains brought up the colincidence that 27 years and 6 months past, a similar diversion had taken piace in South Carolina. At that time this was the great American desert and an unbroken country. Such are the curious changes brought about by time and the writer that the Ansay and Navy Journal.)

### (Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.) NAVAL ACADEMY.

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ANNAPOLIS, MD., Nov. 4, 1890.

The drill this week is all hands seamanship on the Wyoming, the weather being very cool; this drill is not as pleasant as it might be.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30, all drills and studies were suspended on account of the unveiling of the Jeannette monument. Nearly all the officers from the Academy and many from Washington attended the ceremonies.

The footbail team scored its second victory on Saturday last by defeating the Georgetown College team, 70 to 4. The game was called at 2.30 P. M., with the cadets in possession of the ball. After a minute and a half of quick work the ball was touched down behind Georgetown's goal by Emerich. Shortly afterwards the cadets fumbled the ball which was secured by Hauchey, of Georgetown, who by a quick rush made a touch down. After this the game was under the control of the cadets, good runs by Hartung, Macklin, Ford and Althouse bringing the score up rapidly. The result was rather a surprise to the visitors, as the Georgetown rush line averaged about 189 pounds, this being nearly 20 pounds beavier than the cadets. The game played by the Academy team was a great improvement over the one put up against St. John's two weeks ago. Mr. Wilson, of Georgetown, acted as referee to the satisfaction of everyone, while Cadet Belknap did as well as umplie. The victors were very much pleased with their treatment, and are anxious for another game.

Below is a schedule of the games to be played:

Nov. 5-Dolumbin Athlette Association, of Washington.

Nov. 2-Kendall C.Jlege, of Washington.

Nov. 2-Rottlin University, of Lewisburg, Pa.

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### THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HABBISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, Secretary of War. LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

### G. O. 129, H. Q. A., Oct. 30, 1890.

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I. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 875 of the Regulations is amended to omit the words "daily duty," and to substitute therefor the words special duty; and like changes will be made in all returns and reports.

II. To insure uniformity and propriety in the matter of details for extra and special (late d'ily) duty throughout the Army, the following details only will be allowed, when the post commander deems the services necessary:

SPECIAL DUTY.

For each post.

One acting sergeant major, where there is no regimental sergeant major.

One non-commissioned officer as provost, in charge of post police.

One jointor, for library, reading-room, chapel and school-rooms.

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One telegraph-operator, at posts where there is not a commercial or Signal Service station.

One chief baker (with assistants, under paragraph 306 of the Regulations).

One chief steward (assisted by other enlisted men, under paragraph 303 of the Regulations).

One chief gardener, during the garden season.

The necessary clerks in the adjutant's office.

An orderly for the commanding officer shall be selected daily from the guard at guard mounting (paragraph VII., Circular No. 10, current series, from this office). Other officers are not allowed orderlies, and none will be detailed for the purpose.

For each troop, battery or company.

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One non-commissioned officer, to take immediate charge of police, etc., of stables and picket line (Cavairy Tactics, paragraph 1188); one clerk, one tailor; one cook; and assistant cooks when necessary, under paragraph 308 of the Regulations.

A non-commissioned officer will be selected, by roster, each day, for the supervision of the rooms and the care of arm-racks provided for the safety of the arms.

No enlisted man will be detailed on special duty as superintendent of kitchens or messes. It is the important duty of officers and Ist sergeants to superintend the messes.

EXTRA DUTY.

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EXTRA DUTY.

Extra duty details at the several posts will be limited to actual necessities; but in no case shall the number, inclusive of school-teachers, exceed that provided for in the allotment for extra-duty pay at the post. In this connection special attention is invited to paragraphs 161, 162 and 167 of the Regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

In detailing extra and special duty men care must be taken to equalize them among the several companies and arms of service at the post, in so far as may be compatible with the requirements of paragraph 410 of the Regulations. Extra-duty and special-duty men must be reported on all reports and returns in separate columns, and commanding officers will see that the reports and returns conform, each day, in all respects to the requirements of this order. Inspections and drills for extra-duty men are regulated by paragraph 165 of the Regulations.

All special-duty men (except the non-commissioned officer supervising the barrack-rooms, the cooks, and such clerks as are necessarily excused by commanding officers must attend all drills and inspections.

Men variously reported on daily (now special) duty as room orderites, mail orderites, orderites for courts-martial, stable guards, stable police, etc., are not, properly, special-duty men. Paragraphs 56 and 557 of the Regulations will be observed as to stable guards; Cavalry Tactics, paragraph 180, as to stable police.

Aside from the special and extra-duty details hereby recognized, "all duties and fatigues without arms, in or out of the garration," are of the third class, under paragraph 400 of the Regulations.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield: Chauncery McKeever, Act. Adit.-General.

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G. O. 130, H. Q. A., Oct. 30, 1890.

I. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraphs 1779 and 1826 of the Regulations, as amended, respectively, by General Orders, Nos. 53, of 1890, and 89, of 1889, Adjutant General's Office, are further amended to read as follows:

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Shoulder-knots.

1779. For officers of the Adjutant-General's Department.—Of gold cord, one fourth of an inch in diameter, Russian pattern, on dark blue cloth ground insignia of rank embroidered on the cloth ground of the pad; a solid shield of silver, according to pattern, on the centre of the pad (except for a colonel and assistant adjutant general, who will wear it on the builton of the knot midway between the upper fastening and the pad; an alguillette of gold cord, one fourth of an inch in diameter, according to pattern in the office of the Quartermaster General, to be worn on the right shoulder-knot, the loop crossed on top the right arm above the elbow and the cords fastened, before buttoning, to the top and second button on the right side of the coat. The significant is sufficiently as the cords fastened, before buttoning, to the shoulder-knot, may be made separate, so as to be attached to the coat or knot underneath the knot, by means of a strap or tongue passing through the lower fastenings of the knot.

For officers of the Adjutant General's Department, but with sword and fasces crossed and wreathed, according to pattern in the office of the Quartermaster General's Department.—Same as for the officers of the Adjutant-General's Department, but with sword and pen crossed and wreathed, according to pattern in the office of the Quartermaster General's Department,—Same as for the officers of the Adjutant-General's Department, but with the office of the Quartermaster General, embroidered in silver on the cloth ground of the pad (except for a colonel and assistant judge advocate general, who will wear the device made or solid silver on the knot midway between the upper fastening and the pad).

For officers of the Engineer Corps.—Same as for officers of the Adjutant-General's Department,—silve the alguillette and shield, but with a silver turreted caste, according to pattern

For officers of other staff corps.—Same as for efficers of the Adjutant General's Department, without the alguillette and

Adjutant General's Department, without the signification shield.

For didea-de-camp to major and brigadier-generals and for regimental adjutants.—The shoulder-knot of their corps or realment, with significant entrangements, with significant entrangements. For officers of canding, artiflery and infantry.—Of the same pattern as for staff corps, but og cloth of the same color as the facings of their arm, with number of regiment embroidered in allver and insignia of rank on the cloth ground of the pad, according to pattern in the office of the Quartermaster General.

1838. On the frontier and campaign officers may wear the solder's overcost, with insignia of rank on the sleeve.

Officers and enlisted men will also be permitted to wear black rubber ponchos and blankets, or black water-proof overcoats, when necessary, in the field, on fatigue and other duty, involving exposure to rany or other inciement weather.

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield;

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield: CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, Act. Adjt.-General.

G. O. . DIV. ATLANTIC, Nov. 3, 1890.

Lieut. Col. Thomas F. Barr, Deputy Judge Advocate General, having reported to the Division Commander, is hereby announced as Judge Advocate of this division.

G. O. 17, DIV. OF THE PACIFIC, Oct. 28, 1890. Lieut.-Col. Oliver D. Greene, A. A. G., baving reported is announced as Assistant Adjutant General of this division and of the Dept. of California.

G. O. 30, DEPT. OF ARIZONA, Oct. 28, 1890

I. By authority of the Secretary of War, recruiting wi-be continued at posts in the department, for the 2d and 6th Regiments of Cavairy, confining enhances therefor to the very best men. The limit fixed by General Orders, No. 120, c. s., Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., will not be exceeded.

exceeded.

11. Recruiting for the 10th Regiment of Cavalry will be restricted to re-enlistments, and enlistments of old soldiers with good discharges, and younv men of special intelligence and acquirements, with a view to personnel for non-commissioned officers and clerks.

By command of Brig.-Gen. McCook: H. K. Bailey, Act. Asst. Adjt.-General.

CIRCULAR 3, DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA, Oct. 24, 1890.

Until further orders, when charges for minor offences are preferred against aer eants serving in this command, they will be brought before a summary court for trial within twenty-four hours after their arrest; but, should a sergeaut elect to take advantage of the right given in the third proviso of "An act to promote the admini-tration of justice in the Army," published in General Orders, No. 117, Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., current series, then A. R., 254 (G. O., No. 67, Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., c. s., will be compiled with, and the consent of the Pepartment Commander will be obtained before the trial takes place.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Gibbon: Leonard A. Lovering, Aide-de-Camp.

CIRCULAR 4, DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA, Oct. 31, 1890. Officers serving on a court martial are instructed that nothing but the Providence of God, an order from higher authority, or an imperative order from a commander on the spot to meet an emergency, justifies a member in absenting himself from the court. No leave of absence and no other duty, except in an extreme emergency, can relieve an officer serving on a court without the action of the convening authority.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Ginbon:
O. D. GREENE, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

CIRCULAR 9, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, Oct. 31, 1890

CIRCULAR 9, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, Oct. 31, 1896.

The following, relative to the proceedings of summary courts provided for in the Act of Congress approved Oct. 1, 1899, which act went into effect on that day, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

The record book required by the act should show in each case the date of the trial, that the accused was informed of his right of election to be tried by "court-martial" and his reply thereto, a clear statement of the offence, the pies, the names of winnesses and that they were duly sworn, the finding and seatence or acquittal.

The record in each case will be signed by the court.

The limits of sentences that may be imposed by the summary court, although not prescribed specifically in words in the act, are necessarily the same as for garrison courtsmartial, the jurisolicition of which has, by the terms of the act, been superseled by that conterred on the summary court, except in case of election for trial by court-martial.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Ruger:

By command of Brig.-Gen. Ruger: M. Barber, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

### STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS. Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Lieut.-Col. George H. Burton, I. G., will proceed to Sacramento, Cal., to inspect engineering works under the charge of Major W. H. Heuer, C. E. (S. C. 94, Oct. 29, D. Cal.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departme

Lieut. Col. Augustus G. Robinson, D. Q. M. G. New Orleans), will proceed to Mount Vernon Baracks, Ala., on public business (S. O. 259, Oct. 31, The internal control of the control of the

Div. A.)

The leave granted Lieut. Col. James M. Moore, D. Q. M. G., is extended four days (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Comy. Sergt. Timothy Driscoll will, upon the abandonment of Fort Totten, proceed to Ft. Assinnibolae to relieve Comy. Sergt. Frank derron, who, upon being relieved, will proceed to Ft. Lowell for duty (S. O., Nov. 1, H. Q. A.)

### Pay Department.

Major John B. Keefer, paymr., 18 relieved from aty in the Dept. Columbia (S. O. 130, Oct. 23, D.

duty in the Dept. Columbia (S. O. 139, Oct. 23, D. Columbia.)
The troops will be paid to include muster of Oct. 31 as follows: By Major J. P. Willard, paymr, at San Diego Barracks, Cal.; and Whipple Barracks, Ariz; by Major A. S. Towar, paymr, at Fts. Grant and Thomas, San Carlos and Fort Apache; by Major W. M. Maynadier, paymr., at Forts Marcy, Union, Wingate, Bayard, Selden and Stanton, N. M.; by Major J. W. Wham, paymr., at Forts Lowell, Bowie, Huachuca and McDowell (S. O. 112, Oct. 24, D. Ariz.)
The following assignment of paymasters is made for the payments due Oct. 31: Maj. James P. Canby, paymr., at Forts Walla Walla, Spokane, Sherman and Boise Barracks; Maj. John C. Muhleuberg, paymr., Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver Barracks Ordnance Depot and Fort Canby (S. O. 133, D. Columbia, Oct. 28.)

Payment of the troops on muster Oct. 31 will be

made as follows: Lieut.-Col. Thaddens H. Stanton, oblef paymr., at Fort Omaha and Omaha Ordnance Depot; Major William E. Creary, at Forts Douglas and Du Chesne, Utab. Fort Bridger and Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.: Major William H. Comezys, at Forts D. A. Russell, Sidney and Wasbakle; Major John P. Baker, at Forts Niobrara and Robinson, Neb., Fort McKinney, Wyo., Camp at Oelrich's, Fort Meade and Camp on South Cheyenne River, So. Dak. (S. O. 81, Oct. 28, D. Platte.)

Major John C. Muhlenberg, paymr., will proceed on public business to Portland, Ore. (S. O. 134, Oct. 29, D. Columbia.)

Major George W. Candee will pay the troops at Fort Sheridan, Rock Island Arsenal, Indianapolis Arsenal, Newport Barracks, Fort Thomas, Columbus Barracks, Fort Wayne, Fort Mackinac and Fort Brady (S. O. 89, Nov. 3, Div. M.)

In addition to payments assigned him, Major C. I. Wilson, paymr., will pay the troops at Camp Wade, Kingdisher, O. T., to include muster of Oct. 31, after paying the troops at Camp at Oklahoma City (S. O. 152, Nov. 3, Dept. M.) made as follows: Lieut.-Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton

### Medical Department.

Act. Asst. Surg. A. P. Frick will proceed from Ft. Bayard to Fort Marcy, and report Nov. 1 for temporary duty. Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of 15 days, to take effect upon the arrival of A. A. Surg. Frick at Ft. Marcy, is granted Surg. Stevens G. Cowdrey (S. O. 112, Oct. 24 D. Arriv.)

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Leave for one month, on surgeon's certigeate, is granted Capt. Guy L. Edle, asst. surg., Fort Dougias (S. O. 80, Oct. 27, D. Platte.)

The C. O. Fort Clark, will disobarge Pvt. Jerry S. Riley, Hospl. Corps, Nov. 5 (S. O. 94, Oct. 27, D. Tex.)

Col. Basil Norris, med. dir., will visit the following posts: Benicia Barracks, The Presidio of San Francisco, Alcatraz Island, Angel Island, Ft. Mason and Fort Gaston (S. O. 94, Oct. 29, D. Cal.)

1st Lieut. Philip G. Wales, asst. surg., is relieved from further duty at Fort Huachuca and assigned to duty at San Carlos. Capt. William J. Wakeman. asst. surg., is relieved from duty at Ft. Bidwell and will report to the C. O. Fort Huachuca for duty. So much of S. O. 293 as directs 1st Lieut. Nathan S. Jarvis, asst. surg., to report for duty at San Carlos. is revoked. On the expiration of his present sick leave Lieut. Jarvis will report to the C. O. Fort Bayard for duty. Capt. William H. Arthur, asst. surg., is relieved from duty at Fort Bayard, and will report to the C. O. Fort Grant for duty, relieving 1st Lieut. William B. Banister, asst. surg. Lieut. Banister, on being relieved, will report for duty to the C. O., Washington Barracks (S. O., Oct. 30, H. Q. A.)

Act. Asst. Surg. John C. Adams will, upon the expiration of leave, proceed to Fort Sully and report for duty (S. O. 156, Oct. 30, D. Dak.)

Hospl. Steward Charles Gomes, awaiting orders at Fort Thomas, is transfered from Fort Mojave to Fort Thomas, is transfered from Fort Mojave to Fort Thomas (S. O., Nov. I. H. Q. A.)

\*\*Empineer and Ordnance Departments.\*\*

The C. O. Willets Point will grant a furlough for

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Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

The C. O. Willets Point will grant a furlough for three moaths to Sergt. Joseph Mathews, Co. C (S. O. 76, Nov. 1, C. E.)

Capt. Frank Baker, O. D., will proceed from the Frankford Arsensi, Philadelphia, to the powder mills of E. I. Du Pont and Co., near Wilmington, Del., for the purpose of inspecting small-arms powder (S. O., Oct. 31, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieur. William B. Gordon, O. D., will repair to Washington and report Nov. 6 to the Chief of Ordnance for consultation in connection with the equipment of the Army gun factory (S. O., Oct. 31, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieur. William W. Gibson, O. D., will proceed to Philadelphia for the purpose of inspecting chronographs being made there by Messrs. Queen and Company for the O. D. (S. O., Oct. 31, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Lawrence L. Bruff, O. D., will proceed to the proving ground, Sandy Hook, on public business (S. O., Oct. 31, H. Q. A.)

Ord. Sergt. Emil Goetze, at Fort Lewis, will proceed to Fort Morgan, Als., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Peter E. B. Ostrom, who will proceed to Fort Morgan, Als., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Peter E. B. Ostrom, who will proceed to Fort Morgan, Als., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Peter E. B. Ostrom, who will proceed to Fort Morgan, Als., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Peter E. B. Ostrom, who will proceed to Fort Niobrara for duty (S. O., Nov. 1, H. Q. A.)

Capt. John E. Greer, O. D., is relieved from further duty as aveistant to the C. O. New York Arsenal (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Daniel M. Taylor, O. D., in addition to his present duties, is detailed as a member of the board of officers appointed for the purpose of testing range and position finders, vice Capt. John E. Greer, O. D., relieved (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Arthur B. Crane, Sig. Corps, will, upon the

### Signal Corps.

Greer, C. D., relieved (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Signal Corps.

Sergt. Arthur B. Crane, Sig. Corps, will, upon the return to duty of Pvt. Henry R. Patrick, Sig. Corps, proceed from Indianapolis, Ind., to Chicago, Ill., and report for duty to 2d Lieut. Fielder M. M. Beall, Sig. Corps (S. O. 141, Oct. 3l, Sig. Office.)

Sergt. George H. Willson, Sig. Corps, will proceed from Shreveport, La., to San Francisco, Cai., and report for duty to 2d Lieut. John P. Finley, Sig. Corps (S. O. 144, Nov. 3. Sig. Office.)

Mr. Julius M. Sherier, Sig. Service, will proceed from Red Wing to Moorhead, Minn., and assume charge of that station (S. O. 142, Nov. 1, Sig. Office.)

Mr. Charles H. Richardson, Sig. Service, will proceed to Wood's Holl, Mass., and report for duty as eivilian assistant to the observer in charge (S. O. 142, Nov. 1, Sig. Office.)

1st Class Private Samuel A. Potter, Sig. Corps, on duty at Philadelubia, will be discharged the service of the U. S. (S. O., Nov. 3, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. William S. Miller, Sig. Corps, upon closing the station at Colorado Springs, Colo., will proceed to Denver and assume charge of the duties pertaining to the State Weather Service (S. O. 145, Nov. 4, Sig. Office.)

### THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel James S. Brisbin.

Hdqrs., B. D. R. and G. Ft. Custer, Mont.: I. Ft. Leavenworth,
Kas.; C. F. and H. Ft. Assimiboine, Mont.: A and K. Camp
Sheridan, Wyo.

The leave for twenty-one days granted 2d Lie

Godfrey H. Macdonald is extended nine days (S. 0 156, Oct. 30, D. Dak.)

2nd Cavairy, Colonel David R. Clen Hdqrs., D, and H, Ft. Lowell, Ariz.; B, C, G, and I, Ft. Hus. bucs., Ariz.; A, B, and K, Ft. Bowle, Ariz.; F, Ft. Loaves. orth, Kas.

worth, Kas.

The leave granted Capt. James N. Wheelan is extended five days (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Eli L. Huggine, A. D. C., will proceed to St. Paul, Mion., and thence to such other points as may be directed by the Division Commander (S. O. 9), Nov. 5, Div. M.)

The C. O. San Carlos will grant to 1st Sergt. Ludwig Michaels, Troop E, a furlough for six months (S. O. 113, Oct. 27, D. Ariz.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett, Hdgrs. and G. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.: F, Ft. Davis. Tex.: B, H, I, and K., Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.: C, Ft. Ringzold, Tex.: B, Ft frown, Tex.: A, Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex.: E, Camp Pena Colo-ado, Tex.

rado, tax.

The leave granted Lieut.-Col. John J. Upham is extended one month (S. O., Nov. 1, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Herman Brockman is permanently assigned to Troop I, and will join his troop at Fort San Houston (S. O. 94, Oct. 27, D. Tex.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton. Hdgra., A. C. D., and H. Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; I and K residio of San Fancisco, Cal.; G., Ft. Sherman, Idalo.; E, Van ouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, Ft. Myer, Va.

The extension of leave on Surgeon's certificate granted Capt. Otho W. Budd is further extended two months on account of sickness (S. O., Oct. 3] two months H. Q. A.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr, Hdqrs., A, C, E, F, H, and K, F. Wingate, N.M.; I, F. Levis, Colo.; D, F. Stanton, N.M.; B, Fr. Myer, Va.; G, F. Unico, N.M.

Union, N. M.

Sergt. John ('. Dailey, Troop M, on furlough at Fort Leavenworth, is transferred as a private to Co. E, 12th Inf. (S. O, Oct. 31. H. Q. A.)

Corpls. Henry S. McFadden and Walter S. Craig, Troop M (attached to Troop I), Fort Lewis, are transferred as corporals to Troop F, and will be sent to Fort Wingate (S. O. 151, Oct. 31, Dept. M.)

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth. Edgra. A. B., C, D, E, G, I, and K. St. Riley, Kas.; F and L Sill, Okh. T.

The extension of leave granted 1st Lieut. Horatic G. Sickei, Jr., is further extended three days (S. O., Nov. 3, H. Q. A.)

Nov. 3, H. Q. A.) Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Sedgwick Rice (S. O. 153, Nov. 4, Dept. M.)

8th Cavalry, Colonel Elmer Otts.

Hdgrs., A, B. C, D, and I, Ft. Meade, S. D.: H and K, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E, Ft. Buford, N. D.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.

eogn, Mont.: E, Ft. Buford, N. D.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Josiah I. King, Fort Keogh (S. O. 155. Oct. 27, D. Dak.) We are indebted to Sergt. Major M. Benjamin for roster of the N. C. O., Sth U. S. Cavalry, corrected to October. The regiment has some veteran nonoms. who have seen much active service. a roster to Octob

9th Cavalry, Colonel Joseph G. Tilford.

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Hogra. B. F. I. and K. Ft. Robinson, Neb.: A and G. Ft.

Riobrara. Neb.: D and H. Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; E. Ft. Washs

kis. Wyo.; C. Ft. Leavenworth. Kas.

Major James F. Randlett is relieved from duty at

Fort Robinson and will proceed to Fort Du Chesne

(S. O. 80, Oct. 27, D. Platte.)

Leave for three months on Surgeon's certificate is

granted 1st Lieut. Eugene F. Ladd (S. O., Nov. 1.

H. Q. A.)

Capt. Charles Parker is relieved from duty at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and will join his regiment (S.

O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Alfred Pride, Troop K. for, while sergeant

of the guard at Fort Robinson, permitting a prisoner

to escape, has been reduced to private and fined \$20.

But for his long service and good character the sen
tene would have been more severe.

10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Mizner, Hdgra., C, F, and G, Ft. Grant, A. T.; B, E, H, and I, Ft. pache, A. T.; K, Ft. Thomas, A. T.; A, ban Carlos, A. T.; B, t. Bayard, N. M.

Ft. Bayard, N. M.

Major Stevens T. Norvell will proceed on public business from Fort Grant to Fort Thomas (S. O. 113, Oct. 27, D. Ariz.)

S. O. 244, in the case of Capt. Alexander S. B. K.yes, is revoked (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

The C. O. Fort Apache will grant 1st Sergt. Chas. B. Turner, Troop E. a furlough for six months (S. O. 113, Oct. 27, D. Ariz.)

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon Hdgrs...A. G., I, and K., Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C., D, and L., t. Wadswortb, N. Y. H.; E., Ft. Elley, Kas.; B., H., and M., t. Ugat battery.

\*Light battery.

S. O. 89, directing Lieut.-Col. George H. Burton, I. G., to proceed to Fort Bidwell, Cal., is revoked, and 1st Lieut. James E. Runoie, 1st Art., Act. Engr. Officer, will proceed there on public business (S. O. Ott. 28, Div. P.)

On the recommendation of the regimental commander, 2d Lieut. Samuel Rodman, Jr.. is transferred from Bat. M to Bat. L (S. O., Oct. 30, H. Q. A.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdgrs., C. G. and H. Ft. Adams, R. I.; 1s, Ft. Trombull, Conn.;
E. Ft. Freib, Ms.: B and D. Ft. Warren, Mass.; A., Ft. Riley,
Kas.: F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M,
Ft. Schuyler, N.

Light Dattery.

2d Lieut. Richmond P. Davis, Fort Schuyler, will proceed to New York City on public business (S. O. 60, Nov. 1, Div. A.)

3rd Artillery, Colonel Horatic G. Gibson.

Hdgrs., A, C, E, H, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C.; D, G, and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

\*Light battery.

1st Lieut. Charles W. Hobbs is detailed member of the G. C.-M. at Fort McHenry, vice 1st Lieut. John R. Williams, relieved (S. O. 263, Nov. 5, Div. A.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqrs., C, D, K, and L, Ft, McPherson, Ga.; B, Ft, Adams.

R. 1.; F, Ft, Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va., I, Jackson Ika.

La, A, and M, Ft. Barrancas, Fia.; E and G, St. Francis Barrancas, Fia.; Light battery.

Bat. I, Jackson Barracks, will proceed to Fort 8
Philip, La., for its annual artillery target practic
(8. O. 262, Nov. 4, Div. A.)

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1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter. Hdqrs. A, B, E, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C and B, centicia Bks., Cal.; F, Ft. Gaston Cal.

Lesve for sixteen days, to take effect about Nov. 5. is granted 2d Lieut. Frank L. Winn (S. O. 92, Oct. 24, D. Cal.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason. Hdqrs., A. D. E. G, and H, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; B, C, and F, R. Meade, S. D.

Ft. Meade, S. D.

1st Lieut. William E. P. French is relieved from further duty at Fort Snelling and will proceed for Fort Meade (S. O. 187, Oct. 31, D. Dak.)

Leave for four months, to take effect about Dec. 1, is granted 1st Lieut. George Bell, Jr. (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne. Hdgrs., B, and E, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; C and F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and G, Ft. Bluggold, Tex.; D, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Ft. Hancock, Tex.

The C. O. Fort Sam Houston will send Corpl. Edward Sumichrast, Co. D, to Fort Brown (S. O. 94, Oct. 27, D. Tex.)

7th Infuntry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam Hdgrs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Ft. Logan, Colo.; A, C. Pilot Bute, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Principal Musician Christian Tussing, for absence without leave and drunkenness on duty, etc., has been reduced to private in the band and muloted \$15.

8th Infantry, Colonel August V. Kauts.

Hdqrs., A, B, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Niobrara. Neb.; C and D
Ft. Robinson, Neb.

Leave for two months, to take effect about Dec. 1, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Capt. Folliot A. Whitney (S. O. 89, Nov. 3, Div. M.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett, Hdgrs., B. C. and F. Whipple Bks., A. T.; E. San Diego Bks., Cal.; A. Fl. Mojave, A. T.; B. Ft. McDowell, A. T.; G. Ft. Hua-chuca, A. T.; G. Ft. Verdo, A. T.

The leave granted 2d Lieut, George B. Duncan is extended two months (S. O., Nov. 3, H. Q. A.)

11th Infantry, Colonel Richard I. Dodge. Hdgrs., A. B. D. F. G., and H. Madison Bks., N. Y.; C and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut, Charles P. Russ, Madison Barracks, and extended eight days, is further extended lifteen days (S. O. 261, Nov. 3, Div. A.)

The U. O. Fort Porter will send Edward A. Newcomb, an alleged deserter, to Madison Barracks (S. O. 269, Nov. 1, Div. A.)

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Towns Hdqrs, and E, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G and H, Ft. Yates, N.D.; H, C, and D, Ft. Selly, S. D.; F, Ft. A. Lincoln, N. D. A, Ft. Bennett, S. D.

A, Fr. Bennett, S. D.

1st Lieut. Daniel E. McCarthy is detailed recruiting officer at Fort Bennett, vice 2d Lieut. Harry C.
Hale, relieved (S. O. 156, Oct. 30, D. Dak.)

Hale, Felleved (S. O. 186, Oct. 30, D. Dak.)

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Rdges, E, B, and H, Fl. Supply, Ind. T.: G, Ft. Beno, Okh. T.;

A, C, and D, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.: F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

S. O. 250, relating to 1st Lieut. Emerson Griffith, is revoked (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Edmund L. Flotcher is extended one month (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson. Hdgrs, B, C, D, E, F, and G, Vancouver Brs., Wash.; A, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt, Hdqrs., B, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Douglas, Utah; A, C, and Ft. Du Chesne, Utah:

1st Lieut. Richard R. Steedman, now on leave, will report, Nov. 20, to the Supt. Recruiting Service, New York City, to conduct recruits to the Platte or California, and then join his company (S. O., Oct. 30, H. Q. A.)

17th Infantry, Colonel Henry R. Mizner.

Rdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

Sergt. Phillip L. Sommer, Co. K (attached to Co.
F., Fort D. A. Russell, is detailed for duty on recruiting service at Rochester, N. Y. (S. O., Oct. 31,

19th Infantry, Colonel Charles H. Smith.

Hdgrs. A, E, G, and H. Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C and D, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.
The extension of leave on account of sickness granted 1st Lieur. Simon C. Vedder is still further extended to Dec. 1, 1890, on account of sickness (S. O., Oct. 31, H. Q. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otta, Hdqrs., A, B, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Assinniboine, Mont.; C and F, Camp Poplar Rivor, Mont.

Leave for six months on Surgeon's certificate is granted 1st Lieut. Edwin H. Webber (S. O., Nov. 1, H. Q. A.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swatne.
Rdgra, A, B, C, D, F, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; G, Ft. Totten, N. D.; E, Ft. Butord, N. D.

Leave for one month is granted Col. Peter T-Swaine, Fort Keogh (S. O. 157, Oct. 31, D. Dak.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Black, Hdqrs., A, E, F, and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B, C, D, G, Ft. Davis, Tex.

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1st Lieut. William H. Allaire, recruiting officer, Memphis, will proceed to Nashville and Knoxville on duty in connection with the recruiting service (S. O. 208, Oct. 27, Rec. Ser.)

(For Late Army Orders see page 176.)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A.-G. O. during the week ending Nov. 1, 1890.

CASUALTY.

Lieutenant-Colonel Orlando H. Moore (retired), died October 31, 1890, at Dearborn, Michigan.

Military Academy.

The resignation of Cadet William B. McLowee, 4th Class, is accepted (S. O., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:
At Fort Custer, Mont., Nov. 5. Detail: Major Charles D.

Viele, Capts. John Q. Adams and Peter S. Bomus, 1st Cav.; Capt. O won J. Sweet, 25th Inf.; 1st Lleut. J. F. Reynolds Landis, 1st Cav.; 2d Lieut. Charles G. French, 25th Inf.; 2d Lleut. Henry A. Barber, 1st Cav., and 2d Lieut. George W. Goode, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O. 185, Oct. 27, D. Dak.)

At Fort Yates, N. D., Nov. 10. Detail: Capts. David J. Craigie and Harry L. Haskeli and it Lieut. Palmer G. Wood, 12th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Steohen L'H. Slooum, 3th Cav.; 2d Lieut. David J. Baker, Jr., 12th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Edward C. Brooks, 3th Cuv.; 2d Laeut. Walter H. G. Goode, 12th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Enoch H. Crowder, 8th Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 15t, Oct. 3l, D. Dak.)

At Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., Nov. 5. Detail: Capts. John A. Darling, Abner H. Merrill, and Gilbert P. Cotton, 1st Lieut. Henry M. Andrews, 2d Lieuts. Samuel Rodman, Jr., and William G. Haan, and Addtl. 2d Lieut. Colden L'H. Ruggles, 1st Art., and 1st Lieut. Hilliam C. Bafforty, 1st Art., J.-A. (S. O. 26l, Nov. 3, Div. A.)

At Columbus Barracks, Ohio, Nov. 7. Detail: Capt. Jacob H. Smith, 19th Inf.; Capt. John L. Clom, A. Q. M.; Capt. Edmund Rice, 5th Inf.; Capt. George S. Wilson and 1st Lieut. Frederick A. Smith, 12th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Leven C. Alien, 16th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Leven C. Alien, 16th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Avided Inf. (S. D., Nov. 4, H. Q. A.)

Army Boards.

A Board, to consist of Major Eugene B. Beaumont, A. I. G.;
Major Samuel Ovenshine, 22d Inf., and 1st Lieut, Samuel W.
Miller. Q. M., 5th Inf., will convene at Fort Davis, Tex.,
Nov. 5, to appraise the buildings of the late post trader as to
their value to the Government for barracks and quarters
(8. O. 94, Oct. 27, D. Tex.)

### Retirements of Enlisted Men.

Sergt, John Atkinson, Troop B, 4th Cav.; Ord. Sergt, John Becker; Sergt, Patrick Boner, Co. G, 11th Inf.; Pvt. Patrick Conners, Co. A, 15th Inf.; Hospl. Steward Robert E. Eaklidson; Sergt, Silas A. Good, Bat. A, 3d Art.; Pvt. John Lyons, Co. A, 15th Inf.; Serst, John D, Morgan, Co. F, 23d Inf.; Pvt. William Smith, Co. H, 6th Inf.; Sergt, Peter D. Lark, Co. C, Battin, of Engrs., and Frederick Hackenyos, messenger, General Service, Nov. 1, 1890.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dent. of Dakota.-Brig. Gen. T. H. Ruger.

GENERAL RUGER directed Oct. 30, that the post of Fort Totten, N. D., will be discontinued at a date to be hereafter fixed.

Division of Missouri.-Maj. Gen. Miles

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The Northern Chevenne Commission arrived at Cheyenne Agency, Tongue River, Nov. 4, coming overland from Fort Keogh. Taey traveled with great rapidity. Sixty-five miles were covered in 9 hours. Gen. Miles rode the entire distance, the escort of Lieut. Casey's Cheyenne sconts following with great difficulty. The conference Nov. I and 2 was held at the agency, the scene of the flat Gen. Miles had with these Indians 13 years ago which resulted in the death of the famous chief, Lame Deer, and the defeat of the band, which surrendered titles shortly after. His influence over them is very strong, and they seem very fond of bim, says a despatch. It is confidently believed that these Indians will quietly submit to the recommendation of the commission.

Div. of the Pacific-Brig.-Gen. John Gibbon.

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The Secretary of the Interior has requested the Secretary of War to detail a company of Regulars to do guard and gardening duty in a newly created park in California. The work of warning off poachers, clearing roads and other such odd jobs about the park will probably not be relished by the soldiers. Congress in its last days passed a bill imposing the responsibilities of head gardener and gamekeeper upon the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the new park created by the bill in the southern part of Californis, prescribing the duties to be performed, but curiously enough omitted to make an appropriation for hiring men for performing them. Gen. Gibbon has been requested by the War Department to make a report as to the advisability of detailing the troops as requested.

### (Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.) WEST POINT, N. Y.

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NOVEMBER 4, 1890.

WITH the present month many chapses will occur in the daily programme of drills. The afternoon drills, artillery, signaling, etc., will be discontinued. Riding for the 3d Class will take place each afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock. The 3d Class will ride from 4 until 5. Parade will take place at 4.16. Muster was beld on Friday afternoon. Foot ball has supersected base ball as an amusement for Saturday afternoons. On Saturday vending a smil cycle thurday afternoons. On Saturday vending a smil cycle thurday afternoons, on Saturday vending a smil cycle thurday. Connor, Jackson, Fratt, and Mrs. Hauxhurda. Crancy, Seeley, Connor, Jackson, Fratt, and Mrs. Hauxhurda.

Licut. Samuel Leroy Jackson, Marine Corps, who died at Chelsea, Mass., on the 26th ult., was a brother of Licut. Airred B. Jackson, 5th Cav., stationed here.

Licut. Biddie, Engineers, who has been granted leave of absence for several months, salied for Europe on Saturday, Nov.!

The summer colony of residents at the country seats below Highland Falls has recently been much reduced in number. Mrs. S. R. Roc, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Roc, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Chs. Tracy have left for the city. Mr. and Mrs. Zogbanum remain at their home throughout the year. Mr. John Bigelow, Miss Bigelow, and Mrs. Harding salied for Europe on Nov. 3. A number of new horses for use in the riding hall are expected shortly. The new cavalry barracks, the absolute necessity for which was demonstrated in Capt. Dorst's report last year, will be placed north of the cavalry stables. Miss Gallaudet has been a recent guest of Miss Michel, Lieuts. L. M. Koehler, 6th Cav.; W. H. Bean, 2d Cav.; Major A. E. Bater, Pay Department; Asst. Surg. H. L. Kilbourne; Col. M. M. Blunt, letb loft, and Mrs. Blunt have been among

n these cold alternoons. Capt. A. M. Wetherill, 8th Inf., and Lieut. C. L. Beckurts,

6th Inf., have paid brief visits to the post. Lieut. Lucas, Engineers, has returned to duty with the Engineer Detach-

ment.

A national bank, with capital of \$50,000, for the convenience of the residents of Cold Spring and Garrison's will be established at Cold Spring in the near future. Gen. Butterfield, with whom the idea originated, will be the president. A branch, of which Mr. Edward Diatonis to be the agent, will be established at West Point.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to the following-named persons:
Louis M. Nuttman, 52 Academy st., Newark, N. J., 6th
District, N. J.
Harold W. Armstrong (alt.), Montclair, 6th Dist., N. J.

### nce of the Army and Navy Journal.) FORT GRANT, A. T. .

GEN. MCCOOK and uide, Lieut. Baker, arrived at this post Thursday, Oct. 18. The General is visiting all the posts of his Department. An elegant reception was tendered him by Col. and Mrs. Mizoer, 10th Cay., at their beautiful home on the succeeding night. The handsome toilets of the ladies and the brilliant uniforms of the officers made an effective tout en suite. The 10th Cavairy Band discoursed sweet music on the lawn. The charming grace of the hostess, and the well known geniality of Gen. McCook, made all go merry as a marriage bell.

Close on the heels of this festivity followed the opening hop of the season at the Post Amusement Hall. Wednesday, Oct. 22, the equestrians of the garrhon rode to hounds. The bunt was watched from a distance by many ladies in carriages, who afterwards enjoyed a picnic lunch under the trees.

Thursday, Oct. 23, the bachelors gave a most delightful moonlight "Coaching Party," followed by a champagne supper at their mess. The gay laughter of the merry crowd, and the blowing of the horns, awoke the echoes far and near. The prospects for the social life of the garrison during this season promises to be unusually brilliant, there being quite a number of young ladies visiting relatives. Among them are Miss Edwards of St. Louis, niece of Capt. Hunt, 10th Cav., and Miss Bertie Ord, a charming representative of this distinguished family.

### (Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.) FORT WARREN, MASS.

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At a meeting at Fort Warren, Mass., on Nov. 2 for the purpess of organizing a social club for dancing this coming winter, the following officers were elected unanimously: Post Q. M. Sgt. John T. McDermott, president; Sergt. Wade H. Osborne, Batt. B. 2d Art., vice-president; Hospi. Stewsard H. Graham, U. S. A., treasurer; Mr. John P. Noonan, secretary; Corpi. John Mullaney, Battery D. 2d Art., floor director; Committee of Arrangements—Sergt. Albo A. Miller, Battery D. 2d Art., chairman; Mr. Albert Gates; Mr. Samuel Taggett; Masier Boss McDermott, prompter. A hop is to be given every Thursday evening and a grand ball once a month, music for the hop to be furnished by Professor John L. Sullivan (not the champion) for the monthly ball to be furnished by the National Band, of Boston, Mass. Let other posts take pattern, wake up and have some style about them.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

### FORT SCHUYLER, N. Y. H.

NOVEMBER 5, 1600.

RECENT visitors at Fort Schuyler are Miss Tara Mordecal, of Governor's Island, who spent a short time with Miss Marie Schenck; Miss Tompkins, Miss Small and Miss Farley, guests of Capt. and Mrs. J. Gales Ramsay, and Mrs. Gen. W. C. Hancock, who is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lieut. R. P. Davis.

### FORT SUPPLY, I. T.

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Stray Shots has the following news:

The men of Co. H, 13th Inf., have shown their affection for their young friend James Bryant, by placing a very neat enclosure around his grave. The marble headstone bears this inscription: James B. Bryant, born March 9, 1574, died August 31, 1890. We are sure Col. and Mrs. Bryant deeply appreciate the kindly feeling which prompted this memorial.

Lieut. Goe has organized the orchestra of the 13th, and has made it a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

An eutertainment will be given Nov. 5 and 6, by the Fort Supply Comedy Company for the benefit of the 13th Infantry Band.

Charles Trudell, who has served so efficiently as regimental clerk of the 13th, and as the presiding genius of the mechanical department of Stray Shots, was discharged at the expiration of his third enistment on Wednesday. New men would be missed as much as Trudell, and everybody will be glad to see him here when he "takes on" again.

Pvis. O'Shea and Allen, two men who were transferred to Co. H from Capt. Auman's Company at Elilott, died before they could be removed to Supply.

A few irlends were entertained at dinner by Col. and Mrs. Byrant on Tuesday. That they were delightfully entertained goes without the saying.

What is the matter with Lieut. Fox? He has been known even at meal-time to wring out from his soul a strain of minor song. "No one to love."

The "D and G" Club (ducks and geese) gave a delightful entertainment on Wednesday evening, as a farewell to Capt. Macauley, assistant surgeon, and a welcome to Lieut. Fox of the 13th. The music was charmingly rendered by the orchestra of the 13th. After the hoppera was over the company proceeded to the home of Capt. and Mrs. Aumany where they were served with such triumphs of the culinary art as have made their hostess celebrated.

Mr. David Barrie, of New York, is a guest of Lieute. Perry, bit Cav., and Wraght, 2d Inf.

Mr. and Mis. Cruse, parents of Lieut. Cruse, have left for their home, Louisville, Ky.

Col. Henry C. Hasbrouck, 4t

### FORT RILEY, KAS.

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MAJ. WHITESIDE being second in rank at this post now administers justice to sinners in ordinary offences.

Lieut. Giennan gave an adios dinner party at the officers' mess recently, prior to his departure on a month's leave of absence. The doctor has many warm friends and "admiters" at Fort Riley.

Mrs. Lieut. Hawthorne arrived home after spending the summer East.

Mr. Moore, father of Mrs. Capt. Varnum, and Mrs. Lieut. Fuller, is visiting his daughters at this post.

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Lieut. Bell having gone on a six months' leave, Lieut. Bulook takes charge of the mess ball, and Lieut. Mann is cansen officer.

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look takes charge or the mees out, and Laves, as the condition.

Senator Plumb visited the post during the past week and in a few remarks to the troops while at the mees hall tried to impress on them the fact that they were citizens of this free born America before they enlisted and would be again when they were discharged.

Mrs. Hatty Bache se visiting Mrs. Lieut, Hare, Announcement is made of the engagement of Lieut. Sedswick Rice and Miss Dell Parker.

It is not officially announced yet, but it is almost a sure thing that Siewart Hall will represent the "Red Cross" department at the World's Fair.

### FORT LEAVENWORTH.

THE Kansas City Times says:

Lieutemant Abbott, Ja., adjutant, 12th Inf., has returned from the East, accompanied by Mrs. Abbott.
The military prison at present contains only 423 prisoners, the smallest number within its walls for more than six

years. Mr. and Mrs. Seller, of Philadelphia, parents of Mrs. Almy, Mr. and Mrs. Seller, Jr., and Miss Seller, sister of Mrs. Almy, are all the guests of Lieut, and Mrs. Almy, on Riverside.

Owing to the very interesting course of lectures now being delivered by Surgeon Woodbuil on bygiene the department has extended the time of the doctor's departure until Nov. 15. The student officers are taking a deep interest in these lectures, and much good is certain to flow from them.

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Lieut-Col. Wm. F. Drum, 12th Inf., has taken command of Fort Yates.

Mr. John Lynch, brother of Mrs. J. W. Pope, has arrived from San Francisco en route to New York. He will be the guest of Capt, and Mrs. Pope of roseveral days.

Mrs. Whipple entertained a number of her lady friends on Tuenday, as did Mrs. Pope at their respective residences.

During the present month 15 new members have been added to the Army Co-operative Fire Association.

John Pope, Jr., and sister are here from St. Louis, the guests of Mrs. N chois and Mrs. Wright. That a hearty welcome awaits these two goes without saying. Both passed their school days here and Miss Lulu was born at the post.

"Jack," as he is better known, was always one of the boys and those who were here during Gen. Pope's command will receive "Jack " with open arms. "Jack " will remain until after the hop.

Chaplain and Mrs. McCleery have returned after an absence of several months, both much improved in health.

Lieut. Mason and Mr. Cook have returned from a hunting trip to Clark Mills. Game was scarce.

Mrs. Camilio C. C. Carr entertained a number of her friends from the city and fort Thursday in a most delightful manner.

The Iollowing items are from Fort Duchesne: The com-

manner.

The following items are from Fort Duchesne: The companies of the 16th and 9th Cavairy bave organized a brassband. Capt. Wedemeyer, 16th Inf., is in command and numerous improvements have been made. Major Randlett, 9th Cav., is daily expected to assume command of the post.

### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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THE San Antonio Express says:

Col. Martin, A. A. G., just returned from leave, says four assistant edjutant-generals met recently in the Lindell House, St. Louis, a rather unusual occurrence in these days. They were Gen. Greene and Cols. Martin, Corbin, and Volkmar, all Loyal Legion men.

Col. Edwin B. Atwood left Nov. 1 for Boston. He has been here so long that he will be severely missed by not only his brather officers at the post, but also by many civilians in San Antonio.

Another officer who expects to be relieved soon is Capt. Wells Willard. He will return from New York, Nov. 2, after a brief leave, and it is expected that he will shortly be relieved by Capt. Oskaloosa M. Smith.

Moj. Morris leaves for Philadelphia next week.

Gen. Stanley has been to Dallas, to attend the closing exercises of the Fair.

Maj. DeWitt goes to Fort Hancock, Tex.

FORT CLARK, TEXAS. NDENT Writes :

A CORRESPONDENT writes:

Asst. Surg. J. E. Pilcher sailed on the Mallory steamship

Comal from Galveston for the North to spend the winter.

Lacut. F. D. Evans, 18th Inf., is temporarily attached to Co.

O (Anderson's) for duty. Capt. Anderson's many friends

will be glad to know that his health is improving, and he

will soon be able to go on duty sgain. Chief Musician Theo
dore A. Wurm, 18th Inf., returned recently from furlough,

and much to the surprise of the legiment brought with him

his bride. Word has been received from Fort Monroe that

Sergt. John R. Seyburn, Co. A., 18th Inf., has successfully

passed his examination for promotion to the grade of 2d

ileutenant. The entire regiment congratulates Sergt. Sey
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The Turner Court martial has adjourned sine die, and the members have gone for their respective posts. Col. Black, 234 Int., remained a few days as a guest of Capt. C. H. Potter, 18th Int., who was for many years adjutant of this regiment while Col. Black was its lieutenant colonel.

### FORT OMAHA, NEB.

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THE Excelsior says:
LIEUT. AND MRS. SARSON gave a birthday party to their little soo, Brayton Sarson, at Fort Omaha recently, which was a most claborate and enjoyable affair. The 2d Int. Band was in attendance, and the children and ladies and officers of the post as well, tripped merrily in the dance. The count gentlemen and ladies and older children danced till 10.30, when "Home, Sweet Home," was played finely by the band and the guests bade the host and hostess good night, pronouncing it a very charming evening.

### COLUMBUS BARRACKS, O.

RECRUITING has been very slow of late, only 44 recruits having been sent in during October from the rendezvous. Certainly a fine class of men are enlisting, and the moral and physical tone of the enlisted men of the Service has greatly improved. The canteen has become an assured success as a pleasuat place of resort for the soldier to pass some of his letture moments. This, with the new symnasium, offers every inducement to keep the recruit within the limits of the garrison.

### COURT-MARTIAL CASES.

In the case of Private Thomas Brown, tried at Fort Robinson for drunkenness on escort duty, Gen. Brooke says:
"The proceedings, findings and sentence are approved; but owing to the fact that it is shown in evidence that the liquor upon which the accused became drunk was furnished nim by Lieut. Pettit, commanding the escort, the seatence is remitted. Such conduct on the part of an officer is extremely reprehensible, and but for Lieut. Pettit's own testimony the bepartment Commander would be loath to believe that an officer could so far forget himself in the performance of an important duty as to abet and countenance that which it was his duty to discourage and prevent."

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In the case of a soldier recently tried at Presidio of San Fraucisco, Gen. John Gibbon says: "The proceedings of the Court, in directing the judge advocate to insert a sentence in the 4th specification which magnified essentially the charge against the accused, are disapproved. Courts-martial are convened to try cases sent before them by competent authority. They have no power to frame charges themselves for trial, except as provided by the 86th Article of War, nor to mooify in any such way the charges and specifications ordered before them. The Court, by its action in this case, placed it out of its power to convict the accused of the amended specification, even had the testimony on the facts, as set forth in the original specification, justified such a finding,"

A complete history of all the wars in which Russia has engaged since the time of Peter the Great is announced from St. Petersburg. It will be edited by Gen. Leer, who will be assisted by some of the best known Russian authorities on military matters. Three large volumes are on the eve of publication.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy JAMES R. Soler, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

### NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

H. Atl. Station.-R.-Adml. Bancroft Gherardi.

B. Atl. Station.—R.-Adml. Bancroft Gherardi.
Philadelphia, 1st rate, 12 guns (fiagship), Capt.
Frederick Rodgers. Returned to Tompkinsville,
Staten Island, on Nov. 1 from a 48 hours' trial at
sea. She will go into dock at the New York Navyyard in a few days to have her bottom oleaned,
three of her gun carriages, which were disabled
during the test of the guns, replaced by new ones
from the Washington Gun Foundry, and some minor
repairs to her machinery made. She will also be
fitted with one of Bairds evaporators.
Concerning the trial one of her officers writes:
"We had a successful trial trip. Everything worked
well except the air pumps and the minor details,
such as water gauges, which were unreliable. Had
at times 160 lbs. of steam, and made at one time 112
revolutions per minute, but as the work called for
varied all the time, making tests for tactical diameter, stopping and starting tests, we did little towards making speed tests. We ran for one hour,
but as this took place after we had been out for
about thirty hours, when fires and tubes were dirty
from previous work, we only averaged 35 revolutions with natural draft under four boilers. The
ship has not been in dock since she lett Cramp's
yard, and has long grass on her bottom, but she was
logged at 17 knots on the only occasion when they
took an observation of her speed during the turning trial. With everything in good condition there
is no doubt she can do as well as ever under similar
oircumstances."

KEARARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer.
At Colon Cet. 25. To sail for Graytown Oct. 28.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 4 guns. Lieut. Comdr. W. H.
Brownson. At Tompkinsville, N. Y. Harbor.

ENTERPRISE, Comdr. G. A. Converse. Sailed
from Tompkinsville, S. I., Oct. 30 for Colon and
other Central and South American ports. She will
relieve the Kearsarge and will do some surveying.

Squadron of Evolution.—Acting Rear Admiral
John G. Walker.

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Chicago, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. H. B. Robeson. At New York Navy-yard for repairs.
Atlanta, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. John A. Howell. At Norfolk for repairs.
Yorktown, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander F. E. Chadwick. At Navy-yard, New York.
Boston, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain J. O'Kane. At Navy-yard, New York, for repairs.

S. Atl. Station.-Rear Admiral W. P. McCann. Mails for Pensacola, Tallaposa and Esser should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consui, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stovens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted

PENSACOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns (flagship), Captain Albert Kautz. Arrived at Babia, Brazil, Oct. 20, as per cable. Address mail same as noted above. TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. James M. Forsyth. At Buenos Ayres at last accounts. ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. A. S. Snow. Arrived at Babia, Brazil, Oct. 2, as reported by cable.

Pacific Station-Actg. Rear Adml. Geo. Brown

Address all mail (unless otherwise noted) for the present to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco Cal. CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. G. C. Remery. At Honolulu Oct. 24, expecting to leave for San Francisco on arrival of the Mohican at for San I Honolulu.

Honolulu.

IROQUOIS, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. Joshua Bishop. At Honolulu Oct. 20. Expected to make a cruise to Lanai, Hawaiian Islands, before leaving for Samoa. MOHIOAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander E. M. Shepard. At Apis, Samoa, Sept. 20. and left same day for Pago Pago. Was expected at Honolulu shortly after that date.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. O. W. Farenholt. At Sitka, Alaska.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap, Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted. ALLIANCE, Commander H. C. Taylor. Left Amoy,

ALLIANCE, Commander H. C. Taylor. Left Amo t Yokohama, Sept. 22. She was expected to lea or Ponape, Caroline Island, Sept. 25. MONOCACY, 3d rate 6 guns. Comdr M. ohnson. At Yokohama Sept. 24, where she was ist accounts.

OMAHA, 2d rate, (flagship), 13 guns, Captain, J. Cromwell. At Chetoo, China, Sept. 24. Will e ordered early next year to San Francisco, Cal., or repairs.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. (Lieut. Comd. coseph Marthon ordered to command per steamer lov. 13.) Lieut. Thos. S. Phelps, temporarily commanding. Will return to United States upon resorting of his relief. Arrived at Chemulpo, Korea, ent. 24.

Sept. 24.
Swatara, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. P. H. Cooper. At Chemulpo, Korea, Aug. 8. Will return to Mare Island, Cal. She will probably reach there during the latter part of November.

JAMESTOWN, 12 guns Comdr. B. P. Lamberton.
At Newport, R. I., Nov. 5, about to sail for Norfolk, Va.
PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. John Schouler.
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KIGHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns, Captain O. F. Stanton. At Newport, R. I., (receiving ship for YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Rock-well. At Navy-yard, New York. MINNESOTA, 19 guns, Capt. G. C. Wiltse. Re-

ceiving ship for boys. At present at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, N. Y.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

BALTIMORE, 1st rate, 10 guns, Captain W. S.
Sobley. At Lisbon, Portugal. Oct. 31, awaiting orders.

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CUSHING, Torpedo Boat, Lieut. C. McR. Winslow. At Navy-yard, New York.

DESPATOH, 4th rate, Lieut. Wm. 8. Cowles.

Left Washington, D. C., for New York Nov. 5.

FOBTUNE, tug, Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Iverson. Vessel engaged in carrying freight between the several Navy-yards. At New York at last accounts.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 6 guns, (3 howitzers and 3 gattings). Commander Geo. H. Wadleigh. At Erie, Pa., last accounts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys. At New London, Ct., Oct. 12, where she will remain during the winter.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun. Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate.

Arrived at Corinto, Central America, Oct. 19.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. Charles H. Stockton. Arrived at San Francisco Oct. 27.

VESUVIUS, dynamite cruiser, Lieutenant Seaton Schroeder comdg. Off Tompkinsville, S. I., New York Oct. 16.

York Oct. 16.
SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green, nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia.
St. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. A S.
Crowninshield. N. Y. Public Marine School.
In the East River at foot of 31st street.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Olads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. Wm. Bainbridge-Hoff. Receiving Ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C. Franklin, 30 guns, Capt. A. P. Cooke. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va. Capt. John F. McGlensey has been ordered to command on Sept. IS. INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Captain Byron Wilson. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

Cal.
PHLOX, Naval Academy Tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.
St. Louis, sails, Captain E. C. Merriman, Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.
VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. L. A. Beardslee. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.
WABASH, 20 guns, Captain E. O. Matthews. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

armor-clads Ajax, Catskill, Canonicus, Lehigh, Mahopae, Manhattan and Wyandotte, in command of Comdr. J. D. Graham, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O address, Richmond, Va.

### VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The names of the vessels comprising the Brazilian squadron now sailing for New York are the Aquidaban and the Guanabaro, Rear Admiral Silveira in command.

THE Crescent promises to be one of the faste uilt ships in the British Navy. Her engines are e supplied by Messrs. John Penn and Sons, reenwich.

The new U. S. man-of-war Concord arrived at New York, Nov. 5, from Chester, Pa. She lays at present at the Morgan Iron Works, where she will remain until ready to start on her official trial, which will be some time next week.

The Czar has made the Prince of Montenegro a present of a first-rate cruiser, the Yaroslawli, but the gift will not be formally handed over until next year, as the Prince must raise a crew and engage naval officers to command his vessel.

During a severe gale off the coast of Nova Scotia, the crew of No. 60 Torpedo-boat had to take refuge on the gunboat Pellean. The torpedo-boat was afterwards towed by an American schooner into Halifax, giving rise to the report current at the time of the loss of the crew.

The Chatham dockyard men have built into the first-class battleship *Hood* a total weight of 5 400 tons in fourteen months, and the Portsmuth men into the sister ship *Royal Sovereign* 5,200 tons in twelve months—a performance which they state is unique and unequalled in the annals of ship construction.

A SPECIAL draft of 150 men from the Brooklyn Navy-yard will leave for the cruiser San Francisco, at the Mare Island yard, Monday evening. Lieut. A. G. Berry will be in charge of the draft, and the following officers will assist him: Lieuts. W. C. Babcock and T. M. Potts, Ensigns G. N. Hayward, W. M. Crose, C. B. Morgan and J. H. Reid, Asst. Surg. L. W. Spratling, and Asst. Eagr. Geo. W. McEiroy. The draft will include men from the Vermont, apprentices from the Minnesota, and a guard of marines from the paracks in charge of 1st Lieut. Richard Wallach. They will leave in a special train over the West Shore Road.

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The North Atlantic pilot chart for November is at band and contains its usual valuable information, among which is a record of reports received for 18 months of the drift of bottle papers in the North Atlantic. The forecast given for November indicates that the West Indian hurricane season has now practically ended, and the gales that are encountered with increasing frequency north of the 40th parallel are mostly from the westward and northward. During the winter months the usual track of storm centres, or areas of low barometer, is eastward scross the northern United States and Canada, and then about east northeast of the Atlantic. During the passage of these areas of low barometer westerly gales are felt at points lying south of their tracks, shifting to northwesterly and blowing very hard for several days. At least three or four of these gales are likely this month to attain the force of a storm. Little or no ice will be encountered south of the 48th parallel. Fogs will be much less frequent, owing to prevailing northwesterly (off-shore) winds. Strong northers are likely to be felt in the Gulf of Mexico. The northeast trades will be light and somewhat variable.

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e. 8. THE U. S. S. Swatara left Yokobama for San rai claco Oct. 29, and the Pensacola was at Rio de

The Bureau of Steam Engineering is at work up-on a new set of regulations, embracing instructions to officers of the Engineer Corps for the manage-ment, care, preservation, inspection, etc., of ma-chinery, engineers' stores, etc.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed a board onsisting of Civil Engineers Peter C. Asserson, C. C. Prindle and T. C. McCollom, to examine the arrious plans submitted by the bidders for the proceed new timber drydock to be constructed at the availablation at Port Royal, S. C.

SECRETARY TRACE has remyited the marginal

Davai station at Port Royal, S. C.

Secretary Tracy has remitted the unexpired portion of the three years' sentence of suspension imposed by Court-martist in October, 1888, upon Lieut. Nelson T. Houston, tried for a minor off-ence that had its origin in an unguarded remark made by him to a superior officer. He has lost several numbers in his grade during the last two years, and the Secretary thought he had suffered a sufficient punishment. He was on duty at the Newport Torpedo School when suspended.

Capt. Thomas O. Westerness.

School when suspended.

CAPT. THOMAS O. SELFRIDGE and Lieut. W. B. Wyckoff, the naval members of the commission appointed by the President to select a drydock in the Northwest, returned to Washington this week. The latter on the return trip stopped at the Mare Island Navy-yard for several days on business in connection with the new electric light plant to be put in that yard. The report of the commission will be submitted to the President in a few days, but will probably not be made public until submitted to Congress.

Congress.

Among the Navy nominations to be sent to the Senate next month will be that of Engineer-inchief Melville for promotion to the rank of commander, in accordance with the recent act of Congress authorizing his advancement fifteen numbers for meritorious services in connection with the Jeannette Arctic Expedition. The other feature of the bill, authorizing the presentation of suitable medals to the other members of the expedition, has not yet been carried our, but a letter will soon be addressed to the Superintendent of the U.S. Munt at Philadelphia requesting that a design be prepared for the medals.

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According to a letter received at the Navy Department from Chief Eugr. Loring, in charge of the evaporation test of the Thornycroft boiler in the Cushing, very good results were obtained in the 12-hour trial under forced draught. The average coal consumption for the 12 hours was 44 pounds per square foot of grate surface per hour and the average evaporation was about 7½ pounds of water for each pound of coal. The feeu water was at the temperature of the city mains and the steam pressure in the boiler was 250 pounds. For the first three hours of the test the average consumption was 59 pounds of coal per square foot of grate surface per hour, the reason for the subsequent falling off being that the coal contained about 10 per cent. of refuse, and there was no opportunity to clean the fires.

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The details regarding the loss of the Turkish man-of-war Ertogral and 584 lives have just been received. The Ertogral sailed from Yokonama on Sept. 15, and was wrecked three days afterwards off Osima Light, at the entrance of the Kil Channel. Only 69 out of 639 persons on board were saved. During a typhoon the steam pipe burst and disabled the already weak engine. According to the account given by one survivor the chief engineer was called to the engine room, and an explosion took place a moment later. Capt. All Bey ordered the boars to be lowered immediately, but they were swamped as soon as they touched the water, and were swept away by the heavy seas. Five minutes after the exclosion the wreck sank out of sight. The German gunboat Wolf took the survivers to Kobe, 100 miles from the wreck. There were many youths of high Turkish families on board the Ertogral, which was making a tour of the world. While in Japanese waters in July the ship lost forty of her crew by cholers, and she had just left quarantine when wrecked.

### NAVY GAZETTE.

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Oct. 31.—Lieutenant A. G. Berry, to take charge of draft of men to the Navy-yard, Mare Island, and on arrival to report for duty on board the San Frincisco.

Lieutenants W. C. Babeock and T. M. Potte, Ensigns G. N. Hayward, C. B. Morgan, and J. H. R-id, Assistant Surgeon I. W. Spratling, and Assistant Engineer Geo. W. McEiroy, to assist Lieutenant A. G. Berry in taking charge of draft of men to Mare island, and on arrival to report for duty on board the San Francisco.

Medical Inspector Charles H. White, Paymaster Worthington Goldsborough, and Ensigns Henry K. Benbam and Henry A. Wiley, to the San Francisco.

Nov. 1.—Assistant Surgeon L. W. Atlee, to the Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.
Acting Gunner George Hittinger, to duty in the Ordnance Department, Navy yard, N. Y.
Nov. 3.—(\*pinin Allen V. Reed, to command the Navy yard, Ponsacola, Fls.
Nov. 4.—Eusign A. C. Aimy, to examination for Promotion.

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Nov. 5.—Lieutenant V. I. Cottman, to special duty at the Navy Department,
Acting Gunner Michael W. Gilmartine, to ordnance duty at Navy-yard, Washington.

Acting Gunner Charles Morgan, o ordnance duty at Navy-yard, New York.

Nov. 6.—Lieutenant W. P. Day, to duty in Bureau of Equipment.

of Equipment. ogn Leroy M. Garrett, to examination for pro-

Detached.

Oct. 31.—Captain Wm. T. Sampson, from present duties in connection with the San Francisco on Nov. 15 and ordered to command that vessel.

Lieutenant-Commander Berj. F. Tilley, Lieutenant J. ff. rson F. Moser, P. A. Surgeon J. M. Edgar, Chief Engineer Fietcher A. Wilson, Assistant Engr. R. B. Higgins, P. A. Engineer E. T. Warbuiton,

Gunner Wm. Balford, and Acting Carpenter Edward W. Smith, from present duties connected with the San Francisco and ordered to that vessel.

Nov. 1.—P. A. Surgeon Riobard Asbbridge, from the Richmond and to report at the Naval Hospital, Palladelphia, for treatment.

Assistant Surgeon R. M. Kennedy, from Navyyard, League Island, and ordered to the training ship Richmond.

Chief Fngineer R. B. Hine and P. A. Engineer Edward R. Freeman, from duty at the Delaware River fron Works, Chester, Pa., and ordered to New York for duty in connection with the preparation of the Concord for sea service.

Nov 3—Commander Felix McCurley, from the Nipsio and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant V. L. Cottman, from special duty in State Department and ordered to hold himself in readiness for sea service.

Nov. 5.—P. A. Fngineer Thomas F. Burgdorff, from duty at the University of Tennessee and ordered to the Thetis.

P. A. Engineer—Wm. B. Dunning, from the Thetis on the reporting of his relief and ordered to return home and a wait orders.

P. A. Engineer Charles F. Nagle, from the Navyyard, New York, and ordered to the Michigan.

P. A. Engineer Robert I. Reid, from the Michigan and ordered to duty in conn so ion with the Newark, Nov. 6.—Chief Engineer George H. White, from the Richmond and ordered to appear before Retiring Board.

Retired.

P. A. Surgeon H. B. Scott and Assistant Surgeon

P. A. Surgeon H. B. Scott and Assistant Surgeon vm. Stuart Smith, from Oct. 31, 1890.

### MARINE CORPS.

('Cr. 31—1st Lieutenant T. G. Fillette, detached from Marine Barracks, Navv-yard, Washington, D. C. Ist Lieutenant H. K. White, detached from the Marine Barracks, Navy-yard, D. C., upon the expiration of his present leave of absence, and ordered to Marine Barracks, Annanolis, Md.

Nov. 1.—1st Lieutenant Richard Wallach, ordered to proceed on Nov. 10 from New York, by rail, to mare Island, Cal., and report for duty on the San Francisco.

Nov. 3.—Cantain, R. L. Meede, ordered to come.

rancisco. Nov 3 — Captain R. L. Meade, ordered to com-and Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

### U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR NO. 78.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, October 31, 1890. Water in Double Bottoms of Iron and Steel Ships.

Water in Double Bottoms of Iron and Steel Ships.

The double bottoms of iron and steel ships may be utilized for carrying fresh water only upon occasions of emergency, whee, in the judgment of the nommanding officer, the circumstances justify it.

Under ordinary service conditions the double bottoms should be kept free from water.

When fresh or sait water is admitted to the double bottom of a ship in commission, either purposely or accidentally, the commanding officer shall, as soon as practicable, report the fact and the accompanying circumstances to the Department.

B. F. Tracy, Secretary of the Navy.

### THE MARINE CORPS.

SPEAKING of the Marine Corps in a recent article, the New York Sun said: It has been said that the corps was organiz-d before a single vessel of the Navy was sent to sea. At all events, under its first commandant, Major Samuel Nichols, appointed June 25, 1876, it served in the fleet of Commodore Hopkins, and won a battle early in 1777 by attacking and carrying the British works on New Providence Island, one of the Bahamas. The marines also achieved renown under John Paul Jones in the victory of the Ranger over the Drake and in that of the Bon Homme Richard over the Serapis. Major Nichols continued in command long after the war, and was succeeded in 1800 by Leeut-Col. W. W. Burrow, and be in 1804 by Lieut.-Col. Franklin Wharton, who commanded the corps until 1819, when Lieut.-Col. Anthony Gale had it until 1820. During the last 70 years the Marine Corps has had only four commandants. Col. Archibaid Henderson was appointed Oct. 17, 1820, and served until his death, Jan. 6, 1859. Col. John Barris, his successor, held office until his death in 1864, which occurred when be had been 59 years in service, although only five in chief command. Then came Col. Jacob Zeilin, who was placed on the retired list in 1876, at the age of 70, after a total service of 45 years. He was succeeded Nov. 1, 1576, by Col. McCawley. The record of Col. McCawley furnishes an example of the share which has been taken by the Marine Corps in land campaigns as well as sea fights in the various wars of the country. Indeed, the history of the command may well be coveted. After the change in command may well be coveted. After the change in command may well be coveted. After the change in command the change in the organ zation of the corps will be altempted, since its duties and its career need to be revised in accordance with the new requirements of naval warfare, as well as with reference to the increase of our Navy and the change in the oharacter of its war ships.

### MILITARY HAND WRITING.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

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It seems, and is, very strange that in the four years of study at Annapolis and West Point such a small percentage of those graduating from those institutions conquer the single qualification of lexible penman-hip, when algebra, calculus and gunnery are to them like the alphabet to a child. Very few of our officers of the Army and Navy write good bands. Most of them write wretchediy, and quite a number cannot make themselves understood on account of the impossiculty to read their writing, and if it were not for evil employees—clerks, ship-writers and secretaries (who usually do their writing for them, especially if it is of any iength)—, belt reports could only be consisted to the waste-paper backet as refuse matter. Clerks in the War Department and Navy Department who are not familiar with the signatures of officers of the Army and Navy and who receive correspondence from them, have to keep constantly by their side a register to identify the person writing to the Department; and even then it has sometimes been necessary to refer to

some one in the office familiar with the signature. Robinson or Williamson, for instance, might looklige Kob— or Nelson, or anything else than Robinson or Williamson.

It is said by some old War Department employees that Gen. Meigs once submitted a paper with a long manuscript endorsement to Gen. Sherman, then commanding the Army. Gen. Sherman looked atit for quite a while with his eagle eyes and could see neituer head nor tail to what Gen. Meigs tried to convey, so he wrote under the aforesaid endorsement: "I heartily concur in the views expressed in the endorsement of the Quartermaster General, but really I don't know what he means."

Gens. Sherman and Townsend were both splendid pensmen, and their manuscript writings on file in the War Department are quite as good, if not better, than the average clerks, whose tonure of office depends upon their bandwriting.

Just why penmanshio is so tabooed at West Point and Annapolis is hard to understand, for surely it is essential that officers should at least be able to sign their names in such a manner as would obviate a ransacking of the files of the Departments in order that their identity might be established. As a rule the naval officer's signature is more legible than the Army officer, but this is saying precious intile.

No sraps have yet been taken, as a result of the recent conference with the steel men at the Navy Department, to modify the method of inspections of steel plates and castings for the new ships, and it is not likely that anything will be done in that direc-tion now until the Steel Inspection Board is reor-ganized with Capt. Howell at its head on Dec. 1 next. The instructions to steel inspectors will then probably be modified in some particulars. They will probably be given a little more latitude in accepting plates, which, while they do not technically meet all the requirements of the specifications, are known to be good plates and suitable for the pur-poses of the Department. It is probable, too, that posses of the Department. It is probable, too, that some changes will be made in the inspectors. There will be no changes in the chemical or physical requirements of the present specifications, but it is thought they will be so far modified as to admit of the purchase of steel made by other processes than the open hearth, especially the Clapp Griffith.

FROM the Naval and Military Magazine we learn that the latest horseshoe is constructed from layers of papers, glued together and subjected to bydraulio pressure; each layer is treated with oil, turpentine, etc., rendering it impervious to moisture, and the specially manufactured glue is insensible to the inspecially manufactured glue is insensible to the in-fluence of moderate heat and water. This paper shoe is attached securely to the hoof by gutta-perchs, and being very elastic permits the expansion of the hoof. It is very tough and durable, does not become brittle with use, and wears rough, thus greatly preventing horses slipping.

THE New York Times quotes an "eminent practical titioner" as saying: "The civil code has been con-tinually simplified, but the military code never," and then his eminence proceeds to pitch into the garrison Court-martial system, which, says he, is "only one instance, but it shows the tendency of "only one instance, but it shows the tendency of the whole institution to pile on the agony—to wind on the red tape." The "summary court" then, in-stituted by law to replace the garrison court, must, according to this writer, be a myth. But deeper gloom settles over us when we read that "most of our Army officers spend their lives in semi-exile on the frontier, drop behind their friends in other walks of life and lose interest in the live topics of the day." This would be truly pitiable were it not that its absurdity is truly laughable.

"Governor Ferry," the San Francisco Law Librarian states, "recently wrote the following to an applicant for an appointment as notary: 'In re-sponse to a written request of twenty of the magapones to a written request of twenty of the mag-nates of Seattle, you have been appointed to the exalted, honorable and lucrative position of notary public. I ask you however to bear in mind one re-sponsibility that may devolve upon you. In the event that there should be an invasion of the State by a foreign foe, I shall probably call out the notaries public of the State, instead of the militis, as the former outnumber the latter by several hundred." "Probably," says the Librarian, "those troops would 'swear terribly' and protest loudly."

THE British, says the New York Times, are reported to be actively engaged in Jamaics, Bermuda and St. Lucis, West Indies, in fortifying these places against all possible likelihood of capture. \* \* The British Admiralty and War Office are determined to insure coaling stations to British cruisers in the event of hostilities with the United States. This is event of nostilities with the United States. This is sufficiently saddening, but the Times rubs it in by adding: "More troops are to be sent out from Eng-land as soon as the barracks and works now build-ing are in a receptive state. The Defence Committee declares that the welfare of the British Empire depends on the a surance of the safety of Jamaica, St. Lucia and Bermuda against the attacks of a centig-

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A London despatch of Nov. 1 says: "Something of a sensation has been caused in military circles by an order from the War Office that the whole of the new magazine rifles issued within the last few months to the infantry are to be withdrawn from the regiments proceeding to foreign service and replaced by the old Martini-Henry rifles. The order was recently carried into effect in the case of a regiment embarking for India."

LORD WOLSELEY, commander of the British troops in Ireland, is said to have stated recently, that "a soldier who could not shoot well was an in-cumbrance to his battalion." Few will dissent to the proposition.

### THE ARMY AND ITS FUTURE.

THE Army Reports are beginning to come to us, and soon the history of the year will be laid before the country for consideration and comment-at least so much of it as is spread upon the official record. The year has been a quiet one. Indian disturbances have been at a minimum, and not even local riots have disturbed the routine of service, The Army is unquestionably entering upon new conditions, and the effort of the military authorities during the year has been chiefly directed to adjusting the Service to them. What success is to attend the various new measures inaugurated it is too early to say. - Change in itself brings uncertainty, doubt and foreboding, and it is not strange if a hint of this uneasy condition should come to us from various departments of the military administration. There is a tale of a Frenchman who had a famous cure for eczema. He invited a friend in to see a notable example of a perfectly successful application. "But," exclaimed the observer, "the p is dead." "Ah, yes!" replied the delighted dector, "but he died cured."

It is certainly to be hoped that the various application of remedies to Army disorders will not result in this form of radical correction. It is not to be forgotten that matters at an Army post, in actual contact with troops, assume an aspect very different from that presenting itself to one who looks down from the lofty heights of newspaper criticism, or even from the snug seclusion of a War Department office. There is no disguising the fact that the Army is in a state of uncertainty, not to say trepidation, as to what is coming next. Never, within our knowledge, has there been such a cyclone of reform, and nobody is quite sure as to whose mansion will be left standing when the storm is overpast. It first symptom was something in the nature of a panic upon the subject of desertion with the storm centre in the vicinity of the War Department or the White House. From there it has spread, in gradually enlarging circles, until every department of the Service has been affected. When the clouds roll by we may happily learn that nothing has been swept away that may not be replaced with more useful and enduring structures. Even the old rookeries have a certain sacredness to those who have long dwelt in them, and perhaps they are not in a state of mind to pass impactial judgment upon the value of the new order.

To show what they do say let us quote from a letter from a company officer lying before us as we write. He says: "The great hobby of the War Department seems to be the lessening of desertions, and in its efforts to accomplish this it has appeared to consider everything else of lesser importance. The Secretary may show in his next report that fewer men deserted than last year, but if he makes a full statement of the condition of the Army he can scarcely make it appear that the difference in desertion is worth the difference in discipline, or morale, among the balance. The frivolous complaints of enlisted men that are streaming up through military channels to the fountain of military justice must somewhat disturb its placid waters. The old officers are generally of the opinion that the Army is going to the -

" Making due allowance for the proverbial grumbling disposition of the old soldier, there is probably good cause for uneasiness concerning the usefulness and prestige of the Army. What is the essential merit of the Regular Army? What is the traditional peculiarity which has distinguished it in the public mind and placed it above all militia or other military bodies in the country? It is its discipline and the respect of its rank and file for their superior officers. The War Department has been working for a year or more to compromise with a few vagabonds in the ranks who are disposed to desert, by making concessions to their dissatisfaction at military restraint and loosening the hold of their officers upon them and their fellow soldiers. The proper remedy for desertion, so far as it admits of remedy, is to enlist men who will not desert, and not enlist tramps. So far as post and company comman lers are responsible for desertion, they have been culpably over-lenient, or have neglected properly to instruct and train their commands. It is by making our soldiers more soldierly, not by making them less so, that we will

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reconcile them to their lot. Idleness, and fatigue labor have been the cause of immeasurably more desertion than harshness or injustice on the part of officers.

" All officers who have commanded companies believe that it is more advantageous to get rid of poor soldiers than to retain them in the Service. But the War Department takes just the opposite view of the matter. All company commanders, too, know that it is important to offer every inducement to good soldiers to remain in the Service, but the War D .partment, as shown in G. O. No. 80, thinks it advisable to offer every inducement possible for them to leave the Service. The policy of our General Staff is, therefore, to keep the worthless men in the Army and open wide the doors for the good men to go out. If a man in your company is a chronic drunkard, or a confirmed sot; just drunk enough ordinarily not to be in his right mind, and so drunk on pay days as to go regularly to the guardhouse and he applies for his discharge on the ground that the Army drives him to despair and drink, to the ruin of his body and soul; and you recommend that he be discharged, you will be snubbed by the notiscation that this man is a subject for discipline and not for discharge. Now I would like to know how you w.uld discipline such a man. Would you take him out every now and then and turn a stream of water on him, or duck him in the watering trough ? Not if you cared to remain in the Army, you would not. I should like to know what you would do with him.

"On the other hand, suppose you have a steady, intelligent man who is invaluable as a company clerk or 1st sergeant, and he sees an opening in civil life, or fancies that the company commander is a little too exacting with him, as may naturally appear to him to be the case, he files an application, when the time comes, for a three months' furlough and his discharge. The captain has no extra induce men's to offer him to keep him longer in the Service, and the Adjutant-General's offer of a civilian's freedom and independence is accepted.

"One of the reasons why our troops are not more thoroughly drilled is that the officers have to devote an excessive amount of time to paper work and the red tape of administration. One can hardly go off on leave for a month and not find on returning to duty that, besides learning the regulations over again, one has an additional return or report of some kind to work on. Thanks be to whoever deserves them, for the Summary Court. It eliminates the proceedings of Garrison Courts from the cribbling to be done by a large class of officers. The reform that is needed in the Army, the true reform, will never be accomplished until somebody big enough sits down on the whole set of Staff Departments and requires them to reduce the writing that has to be done for them about 50 per cent. With this end attained, and promotion accelerated as it will be under the working of the lineal bill, the Secretary of War should be able to increase the efficiency of the Army more markedly than bas been done by any previous administration since the war. Perhaps he thinks he has already done so.

We permit this officer to speak for himself and for his class, not because we have any unwillingness to express an opinion, but because he is in a position to judge by actual experience as to the practical working of some recent reforms. There is no other test, and it is well that those who have faith in them should listen to what is to be said on the other side. When they canonize a saint at Rome in all fairness they suffer the devil to have an advocate.

In the national ovation to that magnificent soldier, Field Marshal von Moltke, Germany has given us a striking illustration of the moral force of the distinctively military ideas, the ideas of duty, of honor, of loyal devotion to the Fatherland. Without these, what is our military establishment worth? How are we best to preserve them for ourselves, for our posterity, for the country, which is certain to have need of them in its hour of extremity—as sure to come in the future as the conflict between right and wrong, between self-seeking and public spirit, is to endure? How has Germany developed and maintained them? How has it welded into the grand fabric of Empire the discordant Teutonic

States, scattered at the opening of the century over the face of Europe, the prey to internal dissension and foreign aggression? Has it been by making the Army an easy place for the bummer and the deadbeat, or even by leading into soft ways the honest soldier? Germany may or may not have gone too far in the one direction; let the result answer for itself. But do not our footsteps tend dangerously toward the opposite extreme?

### NAMES OF VESSELS OF WAR.

JUST after the first vessels of the new Navy had received their names from Secretary Chandler, we remarked that there was "much in a name," and instanced that of Boston as one that should not have been given, as it had been more or less of an unlucky one. Of course it is merely a coincidence but still it must be confessed a singular one, that the new eraft which bears that name has not been so fortunate as her sister Atlanta; the latter has had no specially eventful incidents so far in her career, while the Boston, during a considerably less term of service, has been unfortunate enough to have had the yellow fever in the West Indies, to have run ashore in Narragansett Bay, and to have experienced a somewhat serious accident to her anchor gear, while she is at present undergoing extensive repairs to her machin ry. She thus bears out the tradition of misfortune which attaches to the name, and to a certain extent justifies the current nautical notion that no new vessel should be named after one that has been lost. Of the new vessels which are to be named by Secretary Tracy six are first rates, to be named after States. It is more than probable that States whose names have not heretofore been represented on the Navy list will be those from which selection will be made.

There are two second rates, to be named after cities, now under construction, and there are many applicants in various parts of the country. If it is desirable, and it certainly seems to be so, that the names of former days are to be perpetuated, it would seem peculiarly appropriate that that of Princeton should have a successor: the original craft of this name was the first screw vessel ever possessed by the Navy; while of the names of this class associated with the late war, those of Canandaigua, Marblehead, and Cincinnati, among others, had honorable records. Savannah is also a name not unworthy of preservation. Of the six third rates to be "named after names or events connected with the naval bistory of the United States," one has already pre-empted that of Muchias. It is to vessels of this rate that we must look for names that shall recall the glories of the past, and there is no want of numbers from which selection can be made. Of the revolutionary period the Bon Homme Richard and Serapis; of the later wars, conclud-ing with that of 1812, the L'Insurgente, Flambeau, Tripoli, Macedonian, Peacock, Boxer, Reindeer, Epervier, Confiance, Detroit, Cyane, and Java, not to mention many others, recail names associated with events replete with honor to our arms. Any person would be proud to serve on board a vessel bearing one of these honored names, which would constitute a constant object lesson both to the younger generation of officers and men of the Navy as well as of civilians, to whom in most cases they are hardly even " the shadow of a dream."

ADMIRAL RIEUMER at Toulon recently ascended in a balloon which was stopped, lowered, and manœ ivred at the pleasure of the Admiral, who conveyed his orders by means of a telephone-wire twined round the cable which held the balloon captive. After descending with great ease, the end of the balloon cable was made fast to a torpedo-boat, which steamed out into the open and returned, always with the balloon in tow. The cable was then shifted to a wagon, drawn by eight men, and it was thus demonstrated that a captive balloon can accompany a landing party. The balloon was next towed out to sea by a torpedo-boat, and during the passage several ascents were made by officers to the height of from 250 to 300 metres. Frigate-Cap'ain Fraysseix, commanding the Saint Louis, also made an ascent, and, by the aid of the telephone-wire, gave the necessary orders for the working of his ship with great precision. These ascents while under way prove conclusively that a balloon can be

maneuvred without inconvenience even in a masted ship, and it could be inflated and used with facility on board any class of versel. On arriving between Hyeres and Toulon towards noon, Lieutenant Serpette, at an altitude of 200 metres, let go the cable. The balloon soon rose to a height of 1,800 metres. After taking some observations he descended in the open sea, and after having passed over the Courona, was taken on board by the Audacieux without his car having touched the water. By an application of the principle by which torpedoes are charged on board ship with compressed air, it is expected that every ironclad will be fitted with a reservoir of hydrogen, so that a balloon may be brought out of the store room, inflated, and be ready for use in a few minutes. The staff of the School of Ballooning at Lagoubran is, as a consequence of these experiments, to be largely increased.

The General Order (No. 129) which we published last week prescribing the details on extra and special duty to be hereafter allowed at all garnsoned posts, is a step in the right direction. The term "daily duty," which we have more than once referred to in the past as a misnomer, has been abolished and in its place comes "special duty," ascontradistinguished from "extra duty," which carries extra pay. A rigid observance of the new regulations will be of benefit to the Service, for it cannot be denied that the tendency of the old system of daily and extra duty details was to form a class of non combatants who seldom, if ever, attended a parade, had not handled a musket for years, and had forgotten nearly all they formerly knew of a soldier's "duty" whatever knowledgethey may acquired of "extra duty." So far as practicable, proficiency in the arduous duties of a soldier should be the guide in the selection of memfor special or extra details, and if at the stated inspections and drills for this class it is found some have run behind, then back to duty these should go until they have "caught up."

SECOND COMPTROLLER GILKESON has reversed his previous decision denying the right of Army officers and others to claim reimbursement of the cost of sleeping car accommodations paid by them travelling on duty. After very thoughtful consideration, he says, he is now satisfied that it was the intention of Congress to allow during the present fiscal year sleeping car fare in all cases where the travel shall be directed by competent authority, and where it is necessary for the public service.

GENERAL GIBBON seems to have discovered, in the course of his religious investigations, that there is a higher authority than "the Providence of God," if we may judge from the wording of the most excellent circular which appears elsewhere. By this circular, officers of his command are instructed that "nothing but the Providence of God, an order from higher authority," etc., will justify their absence from Court-martial duty.

A NEW equipment for the infantry soldier, the invention of Capt. Geo. H. Palmer, 16th lnf., has been referred by the Commanding General of the Army to the Chief of Ordnauce for trial. The equipment consists of carrying braces and two bags, the bags being joined together by one piece of canvas, which forms their back. The equipment weighs three-pounds and six ounces. The shoulder straps are secured to a back brace by rivets, so as to turn on their fastenings. The brace gives additional bearing surface for the weight carried; its shape enables the shoulder straps to be attached in such a manner as to separate them on the back and shoulders and prevent their slipping off the shoulders. The braces adjust themselves to fit any size or form of shoulders, and with them a load can be carried without compressure of the waist or chest, or bearing down on the hips, or pulling backward of the shoulders, leaving the body, arms, and shoulders free in their movements.

THE remains of the late Msj. Gen. Crook will be transferred from Oakland, Md., t) Washington for interment in the National Cometery at Arlington about the middle of the present month. Col. H. C. Corb n, A. A. G, and Lt. Col. Ww. Stanton, P. D., have been detailed to proceed to Oakland for the purpose of conducting the remains to Washington. The date for the interment will not be fixed until these officers arrive in Oakland and consult with the family of the deceased. Col. Corbin is to inform the authorities in Washington two days of the date de-

olded upon, in order that officers desiring to do so te arrangement to be present at the ce There will not be any escort, but six m may make arranger will be detailed from Washington Barracks as body ers, and it is expected that many of the friends of the deceased will attend.

THE next retirement for disability will probabl; be that of Mai Gerald Russell, 5th Cav., who was re cently ordered before a retiring board. The proceedings of the board have not yet been received in Washington, but there is little doubt that he has been found disabled for further service. With his case added the "awaiting retirement list" will number 65, two—Capts. P. H. Remington, 19 h 1nf., and Harry Reade, 25th 1nf.—having been added since we last published the list, Oct. 7 last. There are at present three vacancies on the limited list. Maj. Russell will be selected for one of them, be cause of the promotions that will ensue. As to the other vacancies there is no certainty who will be selected to fill them, as the new law requiring a cer-tain class of disabled officers to be retired with the next highest grade may result in some new policy being adopted in regard to retirements to fill vacs cies on the limited list.

Ar the barquet tendered Major-General Nelson A. Miles recently at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago A. Miles recently at the Auditorium Hotel, Unicage, Judge Gresham was one of the speakers, and in the course of his remarks be said: "The Army represents force, and in paying deserved bonor to our distinguished guest to-night we assert our belief in the necessity of force in government. Not the force which enables one man, or a class, or a minority to hold in subjection the resjority, but the force which is essential in all Governments for the maintenauce \* \* \* When the public judgment of the laws. becomes satisfied that elections cannot be relied on as a means of ascertaining the will of the people, and that money and fraud control the suffrage, an Army such as Grant commanded will not be able to save us from a fate worse than would result from a dissolution of the Union."

THE "U. S. Cavalry Journal" for September, in a review of Colonel Guy V. Henry's pamphlet, "Prac-tical Information for Non-commissioned Officers on Field Duty," among other things, says: "Colonel Henry has succeeded in introducing into his book, under three heads, Camps, Marches, and Useful la-formation, a large amount of valuable instruction for the inexperienced, as well as some which may present itself in the form of a genuine surprise to many who have seen years of service, but have always preferred to create their own art of war as the need for it arose, without troubling themselves about other people's experiences or opinions re garding it.

GEOFFREY WILLISTON CHRISTINE, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1842, went through the Mexican War and the Civil War, writes an interesting letter of reminiscences to the Chicago Journal, in the course of which he says: "In the Army, as elsewhere, the man who drinks and squanders his anoney will slways be poor and wretched. On the contrary, if he is sober, industrious and thrifty, there is no walk of life in which an ignorant, unlettered man, lacking the education necessary to en-able him to aspire to anything better than daily labor for daily bread, can do better."

THE New York Herald, in a list of answers from distinguished men to the question "Can a politician be a Christian," gives the following from Major-General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.: "The question de pends on two things—first, the definition of Christiar, and, second, the definition of a politician. Supposing you mean by a Christian a consistent believer in and follower of our Lord, and by a politician one who devotes his life conscientiously to the solution of political problems, the answer

THE Board appointed to recommend officers for appointment in the reorganized Signal Corps will meet at the War Department on Tuesday next. Ap effort was made to hold a meeting during the pres week, but the members were too busily engaged with their regular duties to spare the time for the

THE Secretary of War having returned to Wash ington, the appointment of the Magazine Gun Board, the Boards for the examination of officers for promotion, and action upon several other pendmatters of importance may be looked for within a very few days.

SURGEON-GENERAL J. H. BAXTER, U. S. A., regis-ered at the Filth Avenue Hotel on Thursday.

t Miss Farquiar. daughter of Commodore N. farquiar, the fof the Bureau of Yards and Dochas returned from her Europeau trip, and was pend the winter at home, in Washington. She who one of the debutances of the coming socration.

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REPORT OF THE MAJOR-GENERAL COMMANDING THE ARMY.

THE annual report of John M. Schofield, MajorGeneral Commanding the Army, is an interesting
review of the military history of the year. He refers to the death of Gen. Crook and the changes in
commands following, next to the practical cessation of Indian hostilities and the opportunity this
offers to give greater attention to the needs of the
country respecting its relations to foreign powers.
On this head Gen. Schofield says: "The time has
now come when the future possible or probable
military necessities of the country should dictare
military policy. The somil R-gular Army should be
so stationed that it may be prepared at the shortest
notice to respond to any call which may be made
uoon its services, and at the same time to assist in
all practicable ways in preparing the much larger
body of the milita of the several States, or Na
tional Guards, for active service in time of need. It
is believed to be so manifest to all who will consider
the subj-ct, that demonstration is unnecessary; that
the important seaboard outies of the United States
should be so fortified, armed and manued as to be
capable of self-defence against the attack of any
foreign fiel: and that each of the great seacoasts
of the United States should be provided with an
adequate fleet of seagoing battleships, canable of
artacking upon the broad ocean any hostile fi-et
which might attempt to blockade its harbors or destroy its commerce. If the important seaports are
adequately fortified and armed, one such fi-et, it is
presumed, will be sufficient for each of the great
coeans. It may be confidently stated that amonz
military men there is seen no ground for difference
of opinion on this subject, namely, that an adequate
seacoast defence requires both the fortification of
each of the great seaports and the provision of an
adequate fiect to take the part of the 'offensive defensive in the event of war with any foreign
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The recommendations of the Fortification Board are approved with a modification concerning the northern frontier, which "will not, it is believed, in any conceivable event require such defence." Satisfactory progress has already been made with the work of preparation for fortification and armament, and it has been demorstrated that the United States can manufacture guns, etc., equal to the best. A continuance of liberal appropriations is recommended and the importance of placing ourselves in a position that will not invite aggression is once more ursed upon public attention.

Along the Rio Grande there has been friendly cooperation with the Mexican authorities, and on that frontier "efficient police work will be required of the troops for some years to come."

Congress having determined the strength of the military forces, "much attention has been given to the consideration of the measures necessary to make this small force most effective and most useful." The reduction in the number of active companies of cavairy and infantry is the result. Concerning this, Gen. Schoffeld says: "This great reduction in the number of enlisted men below that contemplated in the law prescribing the organization of the Army, and below that requisite for the efficiency of all arms of the line, made it necessary for the Executive to distribure the enlisted men allowed by law among the different arms, according to the necessities of the Service, as they might at set from time to time."

"The statute which prescribed the number of noncommissioned officers of a company of infantry also prescribed the minimum unmber of privates, viz., 50 for each company. To have maintained the infantry at this minimum, as indicated in this statute, would have taken all the privates then allowed to the artillery and more than 2,000 from the cavalry. That is to say, the efficiency of the artillery,

troops were required for any important service to unite the men of the two or more companies present into a single company, to render them effective. The same was true in a great degree in the infantry."

"It has now become imperative that the seacoast batteries be filled to such strength as to make them iffective in the use of modern seacoast guns and in the care of the fortifications whose construction is now commencing. Accepting the present limit as having been fixed, at least for the time being, there remained no alternative but to stop the assignment of General Service recruits to the infantry and fill up the seacoast artillery. It is manifestly far wiser to make each organization large enough to be effective and diminish the number of organizations than to reduce all to an ineffective skeleton. It is also believed, as before suggested, that this is far more securately in accordance with the law reducing the number of enlisted men, as it was manifestly not the purpose of Congress in that reduction to reduce any part of the Army to an ineffective skeleton. The number of officers now and heretofore habitually absent on detached service suggests the limit of most effective reduction. Whenever Congress shall be pleased to give the Army sufficient content of the entire of the entire

present time.

The organization of a cadet battallon is recommended with a view to the education of its members for service as N. C. officers and officers. As two troops to each regiment of cavalry are required for service at posts with infantry, but two fully or gap zed battalions can be maintained with each regiment. The conditions are, therefore, now favorable to the partial organization of a third battalion of each regiment of cavalry, to be fully or-

gan'zed in the event of war. With a few exception, a full battalion of infantry can occupy a single post, and in many cases two battalions; hence it will, doubtless, be practicable for many years to leave the third battalion as a depot battalion, bearing on its rolls the names of all officers on detached service, prolouged leaves of absence, etc. who would be recalled in the event of war. In the artillery service it will also, in general, be practicable to have one and in some cases two battalions of foot artillery serving at the same station, or at nearly adjacent stations, where the colonel and other field officers may exercise immediate command of the two battalions.

A scheme is presented for the distribution of a force of 30,000 men, viz: Infantry, 25 regiments (8 companies each), 14 125; cavalry, 10 regiments (10 troops each), 7,600; artiliery, 7 regiments (10 batteries each), 5,140; Engineers, Ordnance, de achiments, N. C. staff, prison guards and Indian scouts, 2,305; recruits, including cadets, 1 315

The passage by Congress of the bills now pending and favorably reported to reorganize the artillery and infantry of the Army, giving to the artillery the very moderate increase necessitated by the extent of sea coast and the contemplated fortifications and armament, will enable the War Department to place the small. Regular Army upon the most efficient footing, and enable it, it is believed, to meet, as far as possible, the present requirements of the Service in time of peace, including the instruction of the great body of organized militia that must be relied upon as the main body of the Army in time of war. Heavy artiliery battalions should be at once or ganized in the sea board States and assigned to places for instruction in company with regular troops and under competent artillery officers.

As soon as type guns of modern construction are placed in position, the artillery troops will be perfected in all that pertains to their use in actual service. Toe militia batteries which may be organized for thi

oughly reliable artillery reserve for the defence of the great seaconst cities and harbors nearest their own homes.

Biennial field exercises upon a large scale are suggested, and it is hoped that it will be found practicable to send at least some representatives of the N. G. to take part in this instruction, which, being made to similate as nearly as possible the actual operations of war, cannot fail to be highly beneficial to all concerned.

The result of the instruction of the cavalry and artillery in their special arms has been all that could be desired. The time has passed when it was necessary to employ them as infantry, and the instruction of each arm of the service may be more clesely confined to that which will make the troops most efficient in their own special service.

The reduction in the number of company barracks and troop stables required has facilitated the policy of abandoning temporary frontier posts and resulted in great saving.

Gen. Schoffield describes the difficulty of properly distributing the brevet promotions for Indian service because of the failure of the Commanding General of the Army at that time to approve the Department commander's recommendations. He says: "Unquestionably, many more officers have merited the distinction of brevet rank, but this cannot now be given them, because of the lapse of time and the lack of official reports of the special gallant services which merited such distinction." He believes all that is possible has been done with the most faithful assistance of the officers and clerks of this difficult task.

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### LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Lt. Col. Henry C. Corbin, Asat. Adj'. Gen.; Lt. Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, Deputy Paymr. Gen., will re-pair to Oakland, Md., to accompany remains of Gen. Crook to Washington for interment. (S. O., Nov. 7,

Crook to Washington for International Capt. Coas. H. Par-Sick leave has been granted to Capt. Coas. H. Par-ker, 9th Cav., for four months. (S. O., Nov. 7, H. Q. A.) 21 Lt. B. M. Purssell, Signal Corps, will inspect the Signal Service stations in the East. (S. O., Nov. 7 H. Q. A.)

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H. Macomber, are revoked
1st Lieut, Geo. H. Sands, 6th Cav., now on leave,
is assigned to temporary duty at Fort Myer, Vs.
Capt. John F. Rodgers, military storekeeper, Q. M.
Dept.; Capt. Louis A. LaGarde, asst. surg.; Capt.
Wm. L. Marshall, C. E., and Capt. Chas. W. Whipple, O. D., are detailed for duty in connection with
the World's Columbian Exposition and will report
by letter to Major Clifton Comly, O. D., member of
the Board of Control and Management of the Goverument exhibit, and will report to the War Department for instructions, with a view to preliminary arrangements respecting the exposition.
Toe following-named officers are detailed at Willets Point, N. Y. for instruction in torpedo service
during the term commencing Dec. 1, 1899—lat Lieut.
Q. O'M. Gillmore, 8th Cav.; 21 Lieurs. A. M. Hunter, 4: h. Art.; S. L. Faison, 1st Inf.; Herman Hall, 4th
Inf.; Chas. H. Cochran, 7:n Inf.; W. H. Gordon, 12th
Inf.

Grand Duke Nicholas, of Russia, who became insane during the recent army manocayres in Voltynia, is now completely paralyzed and in a comatose condition.

CAPTAIN JOHN E. GREER, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., and Mrs. Greer have bid farewell to friends at Governor's Island, N. Y., and will spend the winter at Providence, R. I.

THE NEW RANGE FINDER.



FIG. 1.-LIEUT. FISKE'S RANGE FINDER IN POSITION.

WE reproduce from the New York Electrical Engineer, of Oct. 1, the following somewhat condensed description of the latest and improved design for a range-finder, invented by Lieut. Fiske, and now being placed on the new ships of the U. S. Navy. Fig. 1 shows the range finder as actually used on ship-board. The instruments are made of sluminumbronze and iron, and may be safely left exposed on deck without any protection whatever, except that a cover is placed over the telescope when not in use. The instruments require no care except an occasional cleaning. Fig. 2 shows the manner of operation explained, as follows:

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We will suppose AB to be a base line, and T the position of a distant object, the range of which AT is to be determined. By trigonometry, in the triangle ATB,

$$AT = \frac{AB}{\sin ATB} \times \sin ABT.$$

sin ATB

Let C and D represent two telescopes pivoted at the points A and B and sweeping over arcs E and F of conducting material, the arcs having their extremities upon the base line AB. Let the telescope C be directed upon the point T, assuming the position represented by C, in dotted lines. Then obviously, the angle C A C is equal to the angle A T B and the portion of the arc E included between the positions C and C of the telescope, will measure the angle at A T B.

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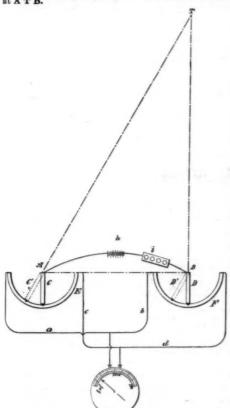


FIG. 2.-METHOD OF USING THE FISKE RANGE FINDER.

Fig. 2—METHOD OF USING THE FISKE RANGE FINDER.
In the foregoing formula, the base line A B is
known by measurement, and the angle A B T may
be observed; and if the angle A B T is, as shown in
Fig. 2, a right angle, then the sin A B T becomes
unity. It remains, therefore, to find the angle
A TB in order to determine the distance A T; so
that it becomes necessary to provide a simple and
rapid means of at once determining what the angle
A TB is. To this end, the conducting arcs E, F, are
connected in the manner of a Wheatstone bridge,
the four members of which are shown respectively
at a, b, c, d. In this bridge is connected a galvance

meter in the usual way, and also the battery h; the terminals of the battery wire being connected to the telescopes at their pivot points A, B, so that the circuit proceeds through the telescopes to the arcs, and then at the arc E divides through the wires b, d, and at the arc E divides through the wires a, c. It will be plant that when the two telescopes C and D stand at right angles to the base line, and hence parallel to each other, the bridge will balance, and the galvanometer will show no deflection. The lines of sight of the two telescopes then being parallel, the galvanometer will then indicate infinite range; and of course, this will be true no matter where the telescopes may be on their respective arcs, so long as their lines of sight are relatively parallel. But if one telescope be moved out of parallelism with the other, as for example, the telescope C moved to the position C', then clearly the bridge will be thrown out of balance, and the galvanometer will be deflection of the galvahometer will depend upon the length of are included between the two positions of the telescope, C, C', and will be greater as that arc increases; so that with a battery of constant electromotive force, it becomes possible to determine the extent of movement of the telescope C by simply observing the indication of the galvanometer.

It will of course be obvious, that as the angle between the positions C and C' of the telescope increases, the length of the line A T will constantly decrease, while the deflection of the galvanometer will constantly increase; so that the galvanometer indicates ranges starting from infinity when the galvanometer shows no deflection, small ranges being indicated by large deflections of the galvanometer indicates ranges starting from infinity when the galvanometer, and vice versa.

If, however, the angle A B T is not a right angle, then the factor, sin A B T. must be taken into consideration in solving the formula,

$$A T = \frac{A B}{\sin A T B} \times \sin A B T.$$

sin A T B

Or, in other words, the observer at the galvanometer may simply multiply the range indication by the sin A B T numerically expressed, in order to reduce the indicated range to the true range.

To do this, bowever, would be inconvenient, and consequently the connection is applied automatically. This is effected by taking advantage of a fact hitherto unrecognized in electrical science that the current in the Wheatstone bridge is increased when the battery contacts are removed from the middle position and the wires are cut of such a length in the construction of the instruments that the current indications of the galvanometer are therefore increased in the ratio

### sin A B T

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The galvanometer is secured in the conning tower, or on the bridge or other convenient point so that the operation of finding the range is reduced to a very easy and rapid process, and at the same time greatly simplified as regards apparatus.

Observers



Observers stationed at the two telescopes C and D align them with the distant object; a third observer instantly reads the range from the galvanometer, which is provided with a scale suitably marked in linear units, such as yards.

### COLONEL DALLAS'S REPLY.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

The only reply I deem necessary to the communication in your last number, under the caption of "Commander Francis G. Dallas," is, to repeat that the sole object of my note of Oct. 11, was to prevent the sole object of my note of Oct. 11, was to prevent any mistake likely to occur from the similarity of names, and I may add that I perceive nothing in it which the most sensitive mind could construe as a disparagement of the late Commander, and certainly none was intended.

ALEXANDER J. DALLAS,

Lieut.-Col., U. S. A., Retired.
ORLANDO, FLA., Oct. 27, 1890.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

A company has been formed in England with a capital of £250,000, for the purpose of manufacturing and developing the Giffard gun. Since perfecting the 6, 8, and 12 mm. guns as applied to sporting and rife purposes, and also pistols of varied calibre, M. Paul Giffard has been devoting his entire attention to the perfection of a rifle suitable for military purposes, as also the application of his invention to cannon and other warlike instruments, in which he claims to have already achieved results sufficiently satisfactory to justify his belief that the adaptation of liquedled gas for war materials will be successful.

Dr. Joel Justin fired an unloaded 275 pound pro-jectile from his dynamite gun at Perryville, Oct. 30, to determine by means of an experimental shell the exact temperature inside the shell when it leaves the gun, the amount of cushioning and the resist-ance of the inner shell.

The 15-inch pneumatic dynamite guns for Ft. Warren. Boston, and Fort Schuyler are three-fourthscompleted. Ft. Warren receives two guns and Fort Schuyler three. The Sandy Hook battery, consisting of two 15-inch guns and one 8-inch gun will be ready for mounting within 30 days. The Fort Warren and Fort Schuyler guns are in progress of construction at the West Point Foundry. Work on the three 15 inch guns for San Francisco Harbor has not been begun. The 15-inch gun shipped to England has been mounted on the Shoeburyness range, Firing will begin in three or four weeks. The dynamite and explosive gelatine will be furnished by the British authorities. Gun cotton will also be used in the projectiles.

The Manchester Courier's London correspondent objects to the sheathed bullet for the new English magazine gun, which is understood to be the suggestion of Sir Henry Halford, as practically an explosive bullet, inflicting terrible wounds. Experiments have been made on the body of a horse recently killed, which show that the amount of laceration would be quite unprecedented. At the same time the brass contained in the amalgam with which the bullet is coated would be very likely to set up blood poisoning. The hard casing was originally intended not only to give the builet greater penetrating power, but a more regular spin, owing to the decrease of friction caused by the smooth surface.

The Ordnance Department of the Army has contracted with the Hotchkiss Ordnance Co., through Lieut. G. W. Moore, its Washington agent, for 7,000 rounds of amounition for 1 5 inch Hotchkiss guns at \$1,500 per 1,000.

The Ordnance and Fortification Board is in session at the War Department this week. It is the regular monthly meeting and is devoted principally to the consideration of further allotment of funds for carrying on work already authorized.

Two bidders responded to the call of the Ordnanee Department of the Army for the construction, on the Pacific Coast, of twelve 12 inch B. L. mortars—the Rusdon Iron Works, of San Francisco, at \$2,445 each, and the Fulton Iron Works, of the same place, at \$7,870 each.

In the last fortification appropriation act provision is made for finishing and assembling by private contractors of 50 per cent. of the forgings for 8, 10 and 12 inch guns heretofore contracted for by the Government provided the work can be done at a fair price. Under this provision bids were invited for six guns of each of the calibres named, that being the estimated number of forgings that could be turned out within the year and that could be assembled for the \$200,000 available for the purpose. Two bids have been received for this work, that of the South Boston Iron Works at \$9.037 each for 8-inch, \$25,000 each for 10-inch and \$12,000 each for 12-inch, and that of the West Point Iron Foundry at \$4,975 each for the 8-inch. The latter firm, not having the necessary plant, did not bid on the two larger calibres. With the exception of the bid by the latter firm for the 8-inch guns, the figures offered are largely in excess of what the work can be done for by the Government. The 10-inch gun, which the South Boston Works propose to build for \$25,000, the Ordnance Bureau estimates can be built at the Watervliet Arsenal for \$5,500, and the 12-inch, for which \$42,000 is asked, can be built there for \$11,700. The bids for all but the six 8 inch guns will undoubt; ediy be rejected as excessive, and nearly all the forgings contracted for with the Bethiehem company will be finished and assembled at the Watervillet Arsenal, as was intended at the time the contract for the forgings was made.

### (From the November Century.)

THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.

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THE career of the American Navy, strictly speaking, began with its reorganization under Washington's second administration in 1794. At the close of the Revolution the vessels that had been built or purchased for that struggle bad all been captured, lost, or sold except the Alliance, 32 guns, the Deanc, 32, and the George Washington, 20 guns, and soon after the announcement of peace those vessels also were sold.

At the time Washington assumed the reins of government in 1789 the affairs of the Navy were placed in the hands of the Secretary of War, and it was not until the 30th of April, 1796, that a Navy Department was added to the President's Cabinet, Benjamin Stoddert of Georgetown, D. C., being the first Secretary. On the 27th of March, 1794, a law was passed for the establishment of a permanent and organized Navy. By this law six trigates rating not less than thirty-two guns were ordered; but it is more than probable that even this step would not have been taken had it not been for the seignre of our merchant ships and the enslaving of their orews by the rovers of Barbary. These six frigates were the Constitution, President, United States, Chesapeake, Congress, and Constellation.

### THE STATE TROOPS.

Correspondence on subjects appertaining to the of the paper is always gladly received. The wish tors as to the use of their names will be serupula

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP.

Extracts from Report of Capt. J. J. O'Connell, 1st U. S. Inf.

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could be obtained for such antiquated guns. The ambulance corps attached to the 2d Regiment, and under the superintendence of Surs. McCarthy, rendered good service during the encampment. It was remarkably complete and efficient, a move in the right direction. Surg. McCarthy deserves high commendation. One of the most deserving and painstaking officers of this camp is Capt. Keene of the Hussars. It was grantifying to note, at the end of the week—a week of parient, steady, hard work—what a really efficient troop of cavarry he succeeded in forming out of a lot of green horses and men.

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On the 2lst, after a very creditable parade in line of masses, the brigade was inspected and reviewed by Adjt.—Gen. Orton, who requested me to join his staff during the cremony. Gen. Orton makes an excellent Adjutant-deneral, and the efficiency of the brigade is largely due to his able administration of the duties of his office. The inspection was thorough and rigid, the wheelings and alignments of companies were in many instances faultiess, while in a few cases the proper distance between companies was not preserved. Gen. Dimond, accompanied by a brilliant staff, inspected and reviewed the troops on the 23d. A dress parade in line of masses preceded the inspection. The line of masses exécuted the manual of arms in perfect unison, as one battailion. The improvement in the military bearing of the men, the promptitude and accuracy in the tormation of line of masses, the manual of arms and marching, as the result of the week's work, was distinctly noticeable. The review was followed by a sham battle, in which the principles of modern attack were illustrated.

Before closing this report I must make mention of the signal corps attached to this brigade and under the able management of Lleut. Brown. Messages were readily sent and received with the heliograph. The arrival of his excellen

### OHIO NATIONAL GUARD.

WE make the following extracts from the report of Capt. James M. Burns, 17th U.S. Infantry, and Asst. Inspector General on the staff of the Governor and Commander-in-Uhief of Ohio, on inspections made by him of the different organizations of the Uhio National Guard during their summer encampment:

Chief of Ohio, on inspections made by him of the different organizations of the Ohio National Guard during their summer encampment:

On July 9 I inspected Col. Wm. B. Smith's lst Regiment of Intantry, then in camp at Put-in-Bay. The review and inspection were conducted in exact accordance with Up-ton's Tactics. The marching and wheeling of the different companies were very good, and the regiment proved taut the companies had been well handled in their armories before worng into e.mp.

The guard outy was performed in an excellent manner. All officers took great interest in instructing the non-commissioned officers and men under their command. During my stay with this regiment, I did not see or hear of a single case of disorder.

On the same day the Toledo Cadets, Capt. W. V. Mc. Maken's company, were inspected, and found to be in excellent shape; arms, equipments, and clothing were all it first-class order. The drill and usscipline were all that the most critical could desire. Their uniform pants were not in strict accordance with the regulations, having a broad, white stripe down the side.

On July 30 I inspected Col. J. C. Howe's 22 Regiment of Intentry, camper at Piecque Irle, near Toledo. I lound, as a rule, the arms, accourrements and clothing in excellent shape. All the companies of this regiment have improved greatly since I inspected them last spring; but the companies stationed at Celina and Upper Sandusky have not improved quite as much as I had hoped they would. I visited the sentinels and instructed them in their duties, i found, however, that prior to my visits they had received very thorough instructions from their officers and that guard duty was performed very well. The battation drills, parade, and reviews were all satisfactorily conducted. The conduct of the men, while in camp, was such as not to merit the arrest or punishment of a sfigle man. It gives me pleasure to be able to report that Col. However, that prior to improve it. The camp was well located and pitched in exact accordance with reg

inbor constantly to improve it. The camp was well located and pitched in exact accordance with regulations. This regiment, taking it as a whole, is one of the best in the State, and it should be augmented by the addition of one or more companies.

On Aug. 23 I inspected Col. Wm. M. Williamson's 3d Regiment of Intantry in camp at Silver Lake, near Belletontane. The inspection was not as complete as I desired, as it rained on the day of inspection. I spent a part of three days in camp and witoesed the drills and parades which took piace during that time. The only battailon drill I saw was fairly well executed, and the company skirmish drills were fairly good. All the companies have improved some since I inspected them in their armories last spring, but there was not that improvement which I desired and hoped to see. I my judgment the companies have not received sufficient training in their armories. Guard duty was only fairly well performed—the men, or many of them, seemed to be listiess; they paid very little attention to military courtesies, and the customs of the service and duty was performed in a perfumed of the service and duty was performed in a perfumed of the service and duty was performed in a perfumence of intentry, which was in camp near Vermillion. I was much impressed with the location of this camp, which was on the shores of Lake Erie, with plenty of shade trees, good bathing facilities and excellent water. The drill ground was a little rough, but large enough to mat. Guard. The camp was pitched in accordance with the regulations, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the men. Taking the regiment as a whole, the drill ground was a little rough, but large enough to mat. Guard. Under the men. Taking the regiment as a whole, the drill ground was a little rough, but large enough to mat. Guard. Under the regulation fatigue uniform, and the other companies the regulation fatigue uniform, and when the regiment is lormed for parade or review, it presents a line of variegated bues, beautiful t

while I remained in camp, was an improvement over the first. The skirmish drills were also well executed, and the parades and reviews were aimost perfect. The inspection was perfectly satisfactory. At parades and reviews the men presented a flue appearance and the marching was a steady as that of veterans, all of which proves to me that these companies were well handled in their armories before going into camp. I frequently visited the guards and found sentinels well instructed, and guard duty was performed in an excellent manner.

On Aug. 91 inspected the 14th Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. A. B. Colt, which was camped at Presquenties, and is one of the best in the State, having 12 companies, and is one of the best in the service. I am pleased to report that to-day every company in the regiment is a good one. Col. Colt and his officers deserve great credit for handling this large body of men as successfully as they were handled while in camp. All drills were well executed. The parades and reviews were in exact accordance with Upton's Tactics, and the men presented a fine appearance. The inspection was perfectly satisfactory in every respect. The camp was in exact accordance with regulations.

On July 24 I inspected Col. C. M. Keyes' 16th Regt. of Inf., camped at Put in-Bay, on the same ground formerly occupied by the 1st Regt. I found a few arms dirty and a few articles of clothing in bad shape, and on one occasion a non-commissioned officer appeared on guard mount in citizens' dress. All these things were pointed out to the responsible officers and need no further mention. The drills which I witnessed were very well executed as were also the parades and reviews. One thing which particularly attracted my attention, was the frequency of the non-commissioned officers' schools, and the attention given to instructed my attention, was the frequency of the regiment. While I was in camp the men were so orderly as the most exacting could whis for, in fact there was no disorder of any kind. The officers were la

encampment of his regiment, and the men are deserving of great credit for their uniformly good conduct in camp and in the town. Strict attention, by officers and men was given to guard duty, and all other duties which tend to make a successful encampment.

On Aug. 20 I inspected the 9th Battalion, commanded by Major Scott Martin, camped near Washington Court House. This hattalion is composed entirely of colored men whose conduct was as good, while in camp, as that of any other organization in the service. Major Martin and his officers take great pride in their battalion and labor constantly to increase its efficiency.

On Aug. 15 I inspected Col. Louis Smithnight's Regiment of Artillery, in camp at Huron, Ohio. The artiliery harness is old and should be replaced by new as soon as circumstances will permit. The horses being unuse it to artillery service, and some of them unbroken, at first considerable difficulty was experienced in making any kind of successful maneuvres; but after the second day the horses became fairly well broken and the drills were very good; considerable difficulty was experienced in making any kind of successful maneuvres; but after the second day the horses became fairly well broken and the drills were very good; considerable difficulty was experienced in making any kind of successful maneuvres; but after the second day the horses became fairly well broken and the drills were very good. Much of the ammunition iurnished was of an interior quality, which accounts for sume poor scores. The camp was well incated, and the tens were very good. Much of the ammunition iurnished was of an interior quality, which accounts for sume poor scores. The camp was well incated, and the tens were well executed, and the men pre-ented a fine appearance. Lieut. S. F. Massey, 5th U. S. Artillery, was in camp, and assisted at the inspection, was present at the different cenemoles; and I feel sale in sujing that the inspection was perfectly satisfactory to hum, as it was to me. Certainly Col. Smithnight and his o

organization, and the whole State of Ohio should be proud of them.

After inspecting the Ohio National Guard in their different armories last whater and spring and again in their regimental encampments during July and August, I find it, as a whole, in a satisfactory conduiton. Every company has improved since I inspected them in their armories. Some have made remarkable progress and others limited. Taking the Ohio National Guard as a whole, I believe it is one of the finest organizations in the country. The officers and men, as a rule, are intelligent, sober, and conscientious in the performance of their duties. They come from the best walks of life and are the flower of the State. I visited ten camps during the past two months, and I saw but two cases of intoxication. This is a remarkable record, and one which the State should be proud of.

### COMPANY DRILLS IN THE NEW YORK GUARD.

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Co. G. 69th Regt., Capt. S. P. Ryan.—At the drill on Sept. 30 the company was formed with 18 files and turned over to the 1st lieutenant. The drill in the manual was well executed, with the exception of a few men who endeavored to combine the several motions in one. The company, when at a carry arms, were ordered to stack arms from that position, instead of executing the movement from an order arms, as tactics provide. At the command, tase arms, the men resumed the carry instead of coming to an order. In marching, at the command halt, many of the men brought their pieces down before they halted, and in marching left oblique they did not cover. When at a halt, in order to show the men the correct position in left oblique, they were ordered to execute left face and then march: the left half face, however, should be executed at the first command and not at the command march. In marching by the right flank, the right guide remained at a carry instead of bringing his piece to a right shoulder. In executing right front into line, the right guide should resume his position in double time. The company is composed of very able-bodied men, but the turnout, about 40 members, out of 90 on the roll, is much

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At the 1st Regiment Rifle Tournament at Hartford, Oct 30, Co. G., of Marchester, made the best totals at 200 and 500 yards and won the Barbour medal with a score of 310, or 73.81 per cent. Co. H won the prize in 1888, and there was no competition last year. Cant. G. O. McLean made the best score in the medal march, 28 at 200 and 34 at 500, total 62. The officers of the 1st Regiment have elected Captain Hickey, of Co. D. So. Manchester, major, vice Smith deceased. The resignation of 2d Lieut. Charles F. Holt, New London, commanding 3d Regiment Machine Gun Platoon, has been tendered and accepted. Major Almy, of New London, surveon of the 31 Regiment, has issued in pamphlet form his manual for the drilling of the Ambulance Corps, which is hereafter to be followed by the brigade. It has been stated that certain companies in the past have not been over scrupulous in figuring up their roll books for making out the per centage of attendance at drills. If it is possible that any military men can have been guilty of such dishonorable conduct, the action of the brigader-general in ordering his staff to make unannounced visits on the different companies on their drill night will put a stop to it. It is amply demonstrated again this season that the shooting for State decorations is postponed by the regimental commanders till tool ate in bleak October. The weather is very apt to be bad either for comfort or for good scores, or for both.

In a voting contest at the fair of the American Band and the American Mechanics in Waterbury, a very bandsome sabre for the most popular mounted officer of the 2d Regiment, was voted to Major L. F. Burpee.

There is no cellar under the 2d Regiment armory in New Haven, and as a result the floor has rotted and is now being relaid at an expense of \$6,000.

The executive committee of the 7th Regiment, N. Y., rifle club announce the following schedule of matches for the armory season of 1890.91; Nov. 8, 1890, Team of two; 15, buil's eye—standing; 22, three prizes—first competition; 29, team of five—first competition; 10, bancharpshooter's; 20, bandicap; 27, regimental team—revolver; Jan. 3, 1891, rhree prizes—second competition; 10, sharpshooter's; 17, class; 24, three position; 31, regimental team—revolver; Feb. 7, buil's-eye—prone; 14, 16 Boutillier trophy; 21, third class; 28, regimental team—revolver; March 7, class; 14, team of five—second competition; 21, team of two; 23, regimental team—revolver; April 4, sharpshooter's; 11, team of three; 18, handicap; 25, class.

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Nov. 10 and for the annual inspection on Friday, Nov. 14. The company drills ordered on Nov. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are countermanded. The following changes are announced: Commissioned—Geo. D. Russell, captain, Co. C, with rank from Cot. 12, 1889, vice Prench, appointed I. R. P.; Charles Adon Denike, captain, Co. B, with rank from Duiy 7, 1890, vice Powell, resigned; Abr-sham Lent Earie, Jr., captain, Co. F, with rank from Aur. 25, 1890, vice billout, resigned; Benjamin Morris Whillock, I. R. P., with rank from Sept. 25, 1890, vice French, rendered supernumerary; George Willis Hunt, 2d lieut. Co. E, with rank from Sept. 25, 1890, vice French, rendered supernumerary; George Willis Hunt, 2d lieut. Co. E, with rank from Sept. 25, 1890, vice Brown, resigned.

The winner of the "Sharpshooters' Match" of the 7th Regt., N. Y., Rifle Club, shot at the arm ry range, N. v. 1, was Lieut. R. McLean, Co. K. Tee conditions were 7 shots standing and 7 shots prope. Lieut. McLean scored a total of 61. Sharpshooters' bas's have been won by Corpl. G. L. Hoffman, H. 34, 35—69; Lieut. R. McLean, K. 34, 33—67; Lieut. S. W. Merritt, B. 32, 34—66; Corpl. H. V. D. Black, B. 33—65; Corpl. F. W. Ponie, D. 32, 33—65; Petc. C. Hyde, F. 22, 33—65; Corpl. F. W. Ponie, D. 32, 33—65; Corpl. W. H. Palmer, Staff, 30, 35—65; Corpl. J. D. Wight, Jr., F. 30 35—65.

Col. Wm. Seward, Jr., 9th N. Y., announces that the regiment will parade for annual muster and inspection at the armory, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 8 o'clock P. M. The reports of the field officers detailed to supervise the company drills, as ys Col. Seward, show too large a percentage of absentees in nearly every company; company commanders must take steps to remedy this deficiency, and as an ald to that end they will make returns of said delinquents, together with those from preliminary and annual inspection, as the regimental delinquency court will convens shortly after the date of the performance of the last named duty.

The athletic games held by Co. D, 47th N. Y., Capt. J. B. Christoff

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The fourth contest for the broass trophy, entitled "Toe Last Cartridge," presented by Col. Thomas Potter, of the Division Staff, Penn, N. G., and four gold Keystones, with ruby bull's eyes, given by Thos. H. Wannmaker, took place at Hartranit Rifle Range, Frankford, on Saturday, Nov. I., 1890; teams of four men were entered from the 1st, 2l. 3l, and sthe Regiments, State Fencibles, and City Troop. Conditions: Seven shots each at 200, 500, and 630 yards. The contest resulted in the victory of the team from the City Troop, who won in fine style, defeating the 1st Regiment team by 2 points. The socre of the City Troop was 349 points, and the 1st Regiment, 25 points. The Second Class Regimental match, for four gold Keystone badres, with dismond bull's eyes, presented by Mr. Thomas H. Wansmaker, for teams of four men from each organization from the 1st Brigade, who had not won in any Brigade or State match, proved to be a remarkably close contest, the 1st Regiment team winning by one point, the 6th Regiment second, while the State Fencibles were a fine third. The conditions of the match were: Four men, each to shoot seven shorts at 200 and 500 wards. The socres in total of the three leaders were: 1st Regt., 214; 6th Regt., 213; State Fencibles, 212.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S.—Write to the Chief Clerk, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Anxious.—If you enlisted February 1, 1889, you can obtain your discharge by purchase. See G. O. 81, A. G. O. 1890.

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Old Soldier.—Your volunteer service in San Francisco during the war will count double time towards retirement for you under the recent law. See answer to "War Veteran" in JOURNAL of Nov. 1, p. 160.

H. M.—Par. 1113, A. R., says: "The hours durwhich lamps and oil innterns may be kept lighted at each post will be such as the commanding officer, with the approval of the department commander, may announce."

W. D. F.—The new cavalry tactics have not yet been officially issued for the use of the Army, but it is expected that early next year the Army will receive them. We shall, in due season, publish information where copies may be had.

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W. W.—It was in October, 1868, that the expedition in command of Major Andrew W. Evans, 31 U. S. Cavairy, started out from New Mexico against the Stoux, Arrapshoev and Comanche Indians. He was brevetted colo

G. K.—The "outdoor allowance," as it is called, from the Soldiers' Home is a matter of privilege, not of right. The Commissioners might give it to you, if you went to reside in Germany, but you had better ascertain, positively, before you start.

W. B. writes: A skirmish line marching in quick time to the front, to assemble on right skirmisher, is the command, Assemble on right skirmisher, march, tactical, and if so, does the right skirmisher halt at the command March? Ass.—The command is tactical, and is described in par. 53s, p. 194, Tactics.

W. H. asks: "Can a soldier, eligible to purchase his discharge, and who has more than the purchase money deposited with a paymaster, put that in please instead of depositing the actual cash with the post commander. Ans.

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Missoula asks: Will there be any exchange of staons between infantry regiments next year, and if so, what
giments will likely be selected? Ars.—The question is
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formation as to present and prospective changes, and, ined, full information upon every essential point of interest
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in connection with Service matters.

H. B. S., Fort Niodrara, Neb., asks: 1. At the position of "Inspection Arms" is the back of (the paim of) the left hand to the front when grasping the piece, or to the left? Ans.—The back of the hand is to the front. See cut, par. 113, Tacries.

L. Is the left thumb extended along the gun-sling, or along the side of the stock between the sling and barrel of the piece? Ans.—The thumb is extended along the stock. The sling if for the accommodation of the soldier, and has nothing to do with the manual of arms.

R. R. C. New York, asks. 4. In account Accounts.

B. R. C., New York, asks: 1. In coming to an "order arms," I notice several companies in the 7th Regiment do it with considerable of a "bang." Is this proper, or abould it be "noiselessly?" Ans.—See answer to A. D. C.

3. Is it proper for an officer commissioned of the National Guard travelling through the country to sign in hotel registers under his military rank and to have his trunks, etc., emblazoned with his title? Ans.—It is simply a matter of taste. An officer holding a commission from the Governor of his State has a perfect right to use his military title if he sees fit.

J. E .- The amount due for commutation of rathe period of furlough should be entered upon the tements, which are to be sent the man by registered der par. 3, G. O. 80, A. G. O., 1890. There is no travel so in such cases.

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A. D. C., Portsmouth, O., asks: Should the rifle, nexecuting "order arms" from a "carry," be dropped to be ground with a uniform rap, or would it be preferable to os ow without any polse? The Tactics say "gently," which ome officers construe to be "noiseiessly" and others "with uniform thud." I claim with proper attention it can be one without sound. Ans.—By the word "gently" the factics mean that the piece should not be lowered with ang or thud. As pieces are frequently "ordered" when haded, it is obvious that all sudden shocks should be the mechanism of the breech-loading rifle.

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Monocacy.—1. Supposing a Marine serving on board of ship in China and completes his 30 years of service, could he retire on his ship and remain on the station and be granted a furlough, or would he be compelled to go to the U.S. for to retire; if so, 2, could he then get a furlough to live in a foreign country, say for two or three years, or would he have to reside in the U.S.? AMS.—This is a new question, and cannot be decided until a case comes before the Navy Department for action. The regulations probibit an enlisted man from being discharged on a foreign station, but there is nothing for or against retirement. There would be no trouble in obtaining leave of absence to go abroad after retirement, and it is not unlikely that the Department would grant your request to be retired where you are at present. Why not make application direct to the Department, setting forth your reasons for desiring to remain on the China station.

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made their appearance, but like the lurid war novel of that day, they have totally disappeared. They were simply "seissors" works, got up for the occasion. An excellent series of works of this nature is now published by D. Van Nostraud Co. They are Abstract Elements of Geography, U.S. History, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Algebra, and Trigonometry, by H. C. Symonds, a graduate of the Military Academy, engaged for many years in preparing young men for West Point.

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Governor or the President—his too great susceptibility to political and other improper influence; the mistaken sympathy of courts, and, in short, methods too slow and uncertain for our impatience in ridding the community of improper characters. Carrying the analogy still further, we may be sure that Courts of Honor, like Courts of Lynch, would swittly degenerate into engines for the gratification of private melice, or what is still more dangerous, honest but unjust prejudice. Instances are not unknown where the prevailing sentiment would at one time have driven from the Army men who were afterwards recognized as its brilliant ornaments. The man of strong individuality, and of independent thought and action, is often the one to incur the dislike of his comrades. Yet one such man is worth more in any profession than a dozen mere weathercocks, moral invertebrate, whose sole aim is to be in "good form." And we all know how easy it is to find some specific charge against one who is generally unpopular. Every story to his discredit is believed and repeated upon flimsy evidence or no evidence at all, and the worst possible construction is placed upon his every word and act.

The checks upon the action of Courts-martial are none too many or too rigid, and are cheap at the price of an occasional miscarriage of justice. Some of the evils complained of exist principally in the imaginations of those who would reduce everyone to the same level of thought, action, and manners. There may be such a thing as too great homogeneity. We must be more tolerant of the ideas and manners of others.

In Germany, the Ehrenrath has legally a recognized existence and its decisions therefore command respect. But even then it is of very doubtful utilitive, judging from the fact that German officers of high repute consider it hurtful rather than helpful to discipline. An attempt in our country to enforce the sentence of a Court of Honor would, imply be a conspiracy to boyoott out of the Army one in whom the President reposes special trust and

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But suppose it were attempted to enforce the sentence of such a court? The convict would always have one friend, generally more, for it is one of the facts creditable to human nature that a man in distress will often find defenders even among those who have been inimical to him. These friends would retailate in kind, boycotting the boycotter, and the garrison would be divided into two hostic camps filled with slander, hatred, backbiting and all uncharitableness, to the great detriment of discipline, exprit de corps and whatsoever other things are lovely, just and of good report.

Lieut. Wills goes to the root of the matter when he rays: "There is too much unkind criticism of our brother officers, officially and socially, too much isult-finding and grumbling at our superior officers and their orders." (I quote from memory.) If all those to whom these words are applicable (too many of us, I fear.) would take them to heart and act upon them, many of the evils complained of would disappear.

Concerning the role of cavalry, the Army and Navy Gazette says: "There are two schools as regards eavairy tactics—one which would confine the action of cavalry to exploring, reconnaissance, and screening work, and to combats with cavalry only; another which, in addition to the above-mentioned functions, would employ cavalry on the actual field of battle. The former school is represented by the French and ourselves, the latter by the Germans; yet even in France and England there is a large minority which has adopted the German ideas on the subject. Unfortunately, the British Army is much led in tactics by what may be termed the 'Kriegspiel' theorists, and their dogmas are supported by the authorities, chiefly, we may suppose, because we have so weak, and collectively so inefficient, a body of cavalry to employ in any way. It would be impossible to predict with certainty what would be the effect on the action of cavalry of the increased destructive power of modern artillery and infantry fire. The most one can do is to study the history of the past, and reason by analogy and inference. This, apparently, has been the course adopted by the Germans, with the result that their theory of cavalry tactics has year by year become bolder, and their reaction against the bereeies which sprang up at the close of the American War stronger. In the teeth of the increased destructive ness of cannon and rifie fire, the Germans have decided that not only can cavalry be used with advantage in battle, but that cavalry in large masses can be so employed. To our thinking, the increased power of the rifle, though in one sense telling against cavalry, in another respect tells for it. The very intensity and efficiency of rifle fire will more than ever engross the attention of contending infantry to the exclusion of all apprehension of danger from other quarters. A man in action is absorbed by the opponent who is trying to kill him, or whom he is trying to kill. Hence there will be frequent opportunities presented to cavalry to fall sudden quently more open to effective attack and loss of moral than formerly."

FOREIGN ITEMS.

FRANCE cau to-day place as many men in the field as Germany, but unless the population of France increases her army will in time be far outnumbered by that of Germany.—European Edition Herald.

MR. CURZON and other travellers declare that for all practical purposes the Persian Army would be useless in modern warfare; but Major Gen. T. E. Gordon, Military Attaché at Teheran, holds a very different opinion.

A REPORT having heen circulated as to increase.

A REPORT having been circulated as to insubordination in the East Surrey Regiment stationed at Guernsey, Channel Island, Col. Leyland Hornby, commanding, writes: "The whole account is false from beginning to end. \* Insubordination is a condition anknown in the battation of the East Surrey Regiment which I have the honor to command."

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A LIST of the Royal Navv in 1545 has been dis-overed among the papers of the Fleming family, reserved at Rydai Hall, Westmoreland.

In the sham fight at Portsmouth in honor of the Emperor William, an advancing column was so affected by the fumes of the smokeball, which was used to raise a cloud of impenetrable obscurity under which they could advance, that the man had to keep their bands to their noses to avoid suffocation.

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COUNT HERISSON'S life of the Prince Imperial, published in Paris Oct. 31, insinuates that one Lieut. Carey, a political agent, was paid to get rid of the Prince, who during a reconnaissance at Ulunde was killed by natives. Lieut. Carey commanded the escort of the young Prince. He was tried by a council of war at Cape Town and condemned to death, but the finding was afterward revised by a council held in London, and he was acquitted.

THE German Army is not altogether in perfect discipline. Sixteen soldiers of the 78th Regiment in Berlin have been sentenced to several years imprisonment in fortresses for refusing to obey their captain. A soldier in the reserve asked to be exempt from military service, and, being denied, openly refused obedience, because, "according to God's law and his own inward convictions, he may and will not kill anybody, either in war or in peace." He has been examined by physicians, who prenounced him perfectly sane. Another soldier manifested the same attitude.

THE Duke of Wellington and the "bagman" related the last term from Waterley.

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Winn-Le Grand.—At Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 18, Lieut. John S. Winn, U. S. Army, to Miss Grace Stanley Le Grand. No cards.

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